UCLA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Religious Holidays and Observances, 2016-2017

Consistent with our aim to foster a diverse and inclusive environment at UCLA, the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has produced the following list of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish, and Orthodox Christian holidays and religious observances.

All Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the first date shown.

September 2016
11 - Eid al-Adha (Islamic)

October 2016
1-9: Navaratri/Dassehra – Hindu
2: Muharram (Al Hijrah – New Year) – Islamic
3-4: Rosh Hashanah – Jewish
12: Yom Kippur – Jewish
17: Sukkoth – Jewish
24: Sh'mini Atzeret – Jewish
25: Simchat Torah – Jewish
30: Diwali – Hindu

November 2016
-- none listed –

December 2016
8: Bodhi Day (Rohastsu) – Buddhism
11: Mawlid al-Nabi – Islamic
25-Jan 1: Hanukkah – Jewish
25: Christmas – Christian

January 2017
7: Christmas – Orthodox Christian
12-15: Mahayana New Year – Buddhist

February 2017
15: Nirvana Day – Buddhist
25: Maha Shivaratri – Hindu
27: Beginning of Lent – Orthodox Christian

March 2017
1: Ash Wednesday – Christian
12: Purim—Jewish
12: Magha Puja Day – Buddhist
13-14: Holi – Hindu

April 2017
5: Ramanavami – Hindu
11-14: Theravadin New Year – Buddhist
11-18: Passover – Jewish
14: Good Friday – Christian, Orthodox Christian
16: Easter – Christian, Orthodox Christian

May 2017
10: Visahka Puja - Buddha Day – Buddhist
27: Beginning of Ramadan – Islamic
31: Shavouth – Jewish

June 2017
21: Laylat al-Qadr – Islamic
25: Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) – Islamic

July 2017
9: Asalha Puja Day – Buddhist
13: Ulambana - Obon – Buddhist

August 2017
15: Janmashtami – Hindu

This list is a work-in-progress that we will revise as necessary. Please keep the list in mind when developing class syllabi and planning events. Faculty and supervisors should be mindful of students and employees who may seek reasonable accommodation to observe religious holidays, especially ones that do not coincide with university closures.