Listing of Religious Holidays on Academic Calendars Selected Regional Land Grant Universities 14 Schools in List - 1 Has Religious Holidays listed on Academic Calendar

University of Connecticut

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

Statement on the University Calendar - Faculty are urged to try not to schedule exams on significant religious holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Eid Al-fitr, Eid Al-adha. For a complete list of religious holiday dates, link to the <u>Interfaith Calendar Website</u>.

Delaware State University

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

University of Maine

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

University of Maryland at College Park

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

NOTE: There is a University Web site listing major days of religious holidays http://www.umass.edu/umhome/events/religious.php

- B = Buddhist
- Ba = Baha'i
- C = Christian
- H = Hindu
- J = Jewish
- M = Muslim
- S = Sikh

University of New Hampshire

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar – found religious holiday of Yom Kippur on Registration Calendar

Listed at the bottom of the Registration Calendar - *Religious and cultural holidays, although not University holidays, are important to many members of the University community and are noted to facilitate the planning of University events. A more comprehensive list may be found at http://www.interfaithcalendar.org.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

North Carolina State University

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

The Ohio State University

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

Pennsylvania State University

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar -

There is a note on the calendar that reads:

"**This calendar is subject to change without notice. In preparing the calendar for an academic year, it is impossible to avoid conflict with some religious holidays. As conflicts arise, efforts are made to make special arrangements for students affected.**"

University of Rhode Island

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

NOTE: In their policy statement on Religious Holidays, a link to a calendar of religious holidays can be found at the Faculty Senate Web Site

University of Vermont

No religious holidays listed on Academic Calendar

West Virginia University

http://calendar.wvu.edu/listview.php

Religious Holidays listed on the Academic Calendar:

September 09, 2010 Rosh Hashanah (Day of Special Concern)

September 10, 2010 Eid-al-Fitr End of Ramadan (Day of Special Concern)

September 18, 2010 Yom Kippur (Day of Special Concern)

November 11, 2010 Veterans' Day (Day of Special Concern)

November 12, 2010 Birth of Baha'u'llah (Day of Special Concern)

November 16, 2010 Eid-al-Adha (Day of Special Concern)

February 03, 2011 Chinese New Year (Day of Special Concern)

March 21, 2011 Naw-Ruz (Day of Special Concern)

April 19, 2011 Passover (Day of Special Concern)

April 21, 2011 Feast of Rivdan (Day of Special Concern)

<u>Days of Special Concern.</u> Faculty members are required to make reasonable accommodation for Days of Special Concern, which are listed in the Schedule of Courses. They may choose to excuse absences resulting from these observances. Alternatively, they may choose to cover all reasons for student absences with a blanket absence policy. For example, they may allow students a specified number of unpenalized absences or permit students to drop the lowest quiz grade. If this blanket absence policy is meant to extend to Days of Special Concern, the instructor must state this clearly on the syllabus at the beginning of the term. The Student Instruction Committee of the Faculty Senate with the support of the Office of the Provost recommends that faculty, on a voluntary basis, consider including a social justice statement in each course syllabus.

Students who will miss an examination or a field trip due to a Day of Special Concern absence should notify their instructors at the beginning of the term. Faculty are instructed to make reasonable accommodation for students who miss scheduled exams or field trips as a result of such observance.