

## Religious Observances and Holidays for the 2007-2008 Academic Year

The Office of Religious Life has produced this calendar so that our scheduling of activities can be more sensitive to the religious needs of students, alumnae, faculty members and administrators.

### **Religious Observances and Holidays - General**

A listing of religious observances and holidays for the following religious traditions can be found on the CWIS (Campus Wide Information System) by going to the Religious Life home page: Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints/Mormon, Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic), Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Native African, Sikh, Unitarian and Zoroastrian. Although these religious observances and holy days do not involve work and food restrictions, they nevertheless are an important part of the lives of observant members of these faith traditions. *Please note that the Islamic Calendar is lunar and dates are not fixed in advance, because they may change depending on the actual sighting of the moon.*

### **Observances and Holidays with work, food restrictions and/or special worship obligations**

The following list includes those religious observances and holidays that involve food or work restrictions or special worship obligations which affect the ability of members of the community to participate in college events. All of the following days include special worship obligations. Work and food restrictions are as noted. A notation of a work restriction indicates that the religious obligations of some observant members of this tradition may restrict work for all or part of this day. **Dates marked with an \* indicate that observances begin at sundown on the preceding day. On work restricted observances, this may mean that students need to leave campus early to be with family during that observance.**

#### First Semester

#### September 2007

Thursday	13	Ramadan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Islam	Food Restriction
Thursday	13*-14	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Work Restriction
Friday	21	Mabon	Pagan	Special Worship
Saturday	22*	Yom Kippur	Judaism	Work, Food Restrictions
Thursday	27-Oct. 4	Sukkot	Judaism	Work Restriction
		** Work Restriction first two days and last two days**		

#### October 2007

Thursday	4*	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	Work Restriction
Friday	5*	Simchat Torah	Judaism	Special Worship
Tuesday	9*	Laylat al-Qadr	Islam	Special Worship
Friday	12	Navaratri Begins	Hinduism	Special Worship
Saturday	13	Eid-ul-Fitr (Ramadan ends)	Islam	Work Restriction
Saturday	20*	Birth of the Báb	Bahá'í	Work Restriction
Sunday	21	Dussehra	Hinduism	Special Worship
Wednesday	31	Samhain	Pagan	Special Worship

#### November 2007

Thursday	1	All Saints' Day	Roman Catholic Christian	Special Worship
Monday	5	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh	Special Worship
Friday	9	Diwali	Sikh/Hinduism, Jainism	Special Worship
Monday	12*	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Work Restriction

#### December 2007

Sunday	2	First Sunday of Advent	Christian	Special Worship
Wednesday	5*-12	Chanukah (8 days)	Judaism	Special Worship
Saturday	8	Immaculate Conception	Roman Catholic Christian	Special Worship
Saturday	8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhism	Special Worship
Sunday	9	Diwali (DELETE)	Sikh/Hinduism, Jainism	Special Worship
Wednesday	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Roman Catholic Christian	Special Worship
Thursday	20	Eid-ul-Adha	Islam	Work Restriction
Friday	21	Yule	Pagan	Special Worship
Sunday	23	Joseph Smith's Birthday	CJCLDS (Mormon)	Special Worship
Tuesday	25	Christmas	Christian	Special Worship
Tuesday	25- 31	Kwanzaa (observed for 7 days)	African Heritage	Special Worship
Sunday	30	The Day of Arafat	Islam	Food Restriction

## Second Semester

### January 2008

Tuesday	1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Roman Catholic Christian	Special Worship
Sunday	6	Epiphany	Christian	Special Worship
Monday	7	Celebration of Nativity of Jesus Christ	Orthodox Christian (Julian Calendar)	Special Worship
Saturday	19	Ashoura	Islam	Food Restriction/Special Worship

### February 2008

Saturday	2	Imbolc	Pagan	Special Worship
Wednesday	6	Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)	Christian	Special Worship, Food Restriction

### March 2008

Sunday	2	The 19 Day Fast begins	Baha'i	Food Restriction
Friday	7	Shivaratri	Hinduism	Special Worship
Monday	10	Start of Lent	Orthodox Christian	
Sunday	16	Palm Sunday	Christian	Special Worship
Thursday	20	Holy Thursday	Christian	Special Worship
Thursday	20	Ostara	Pagan	Special Worship
Friday	21*	Purim	Judaism	Special Worship
Friday	21	Naw Ruz (New Year's Day)	Bahá'í /Zoroastrian	Work Restriction
Friday	21	Good Friday	Christian	Special Worship, Food Restriction
Friday	21	Holy Friday	Christian	Special Worship
Saturday	22	Holi	Hinduism	Special Worship
Sunday	23	Easter	Christian	Special Worship

### April 2008

Sunday	20*-27	Passover	Judaism	Food, Work Restrictions
			** Work Restriction first two days and last two days Food restrictions observed for all eight days	
Sunday	20	Palm Sunday	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship
Monday	21*	Ridvan (through May 2)	Bahá'í	Special Worship Work Restrictions 4/21, 4/29,5/2
Thursday	24	Holy Thursday	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship
Friday	25	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship
Sunday	27	Easter	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship

### May 2008

Thursday	1	Beltane	Pagan	Special Worship
Thursday	1	Ascension of the Lord	Roman Catholic Christian	Special Worship
Friday	2*	Yom Hashoah	Judaism	Special Worship
Friday	2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Bahá'í	Work, Food Restrictions
Friday	2	Buddha's Birthday	Buddhism	Special Worship
Sunday	11	Pentecost	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship
Friday	23*	Declaration of the Bab	Bahá'í	Work Restriction
Thursday	29*	Ascension of the Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Work Restriction
Thursday	29	Ascension of Jesus	Orthodox Christian	Special Worship

### June 2008

Monday	9*-10	Shavuot	Judaism	Special Worship, Work Restriction
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