



August 1, 2017

TO: All Faculty, Staff & Students

FROM: Jeffrey A. Lefstin, Associate Academic Dean

RE: Religious Holidays & Event Planning for 2017 - 2018

It is the policy of UC Hastings to respect the religious beliefs of all members of our community. Please comply with this policy, including by doing the following:

- Event Scheduling – If you are planning events, please keep these dates in mind as you select dates for these events.
- Classes – Faculty should accommodate students who may be absent from class due to religious observances.

Below please find a list of dates of major religious holidays that occur while classes may be in session in the 2017 – 2018 academic year.

Eid-al-Adha* (Islamic)

Begins at sunset on Thursday, August 31, 2017

Friday, September 1, 2017

Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)

Begins at sunset on Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Thursday, September 21, 2017 & Friday, September 22, 2017

Yom Kippur (Jewish)

Begins at sunset on Friday, September 29, 2017

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Diwali (Hindu) – Thursday, October 19, 2017

Ash Wednesday (Christian) – Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Lunar New Year – Friday, February 16, 2018

Passover (Jewish)

Begins at sunset on Friday, March 30, 2018

First two days (most observed) – Saturday, March 31, 2018 & April 1, 2018

(please ensure there are unleavened (matzah) options if providing food at an event any time during Passover, which ends on Saturday, April 7, 2018

Good Friday (Christian) – Friday, March 30, 2018

Easter Sunday (Christian) – April 1, 2018

Vaisakhi (Sikh) – April 14, 2018

Ramadan* (Islamic)

Begins at sunset on Tuesday, May 15, 2018

First day of Fast, Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Eid-al-Fitr* (Islamic)

Begins at sunset on Thursday, June 14, 2018 (based on sightability of the moon in North America)

End at sunset on Friday, June 15, 2018

*Dates of Islamic holidays are approximate because they are based on estimates of the sighting of the moon in North America.

If there are other major religious holidays that occur during the periods when classes are scheduled and that you believe should be noted on the religious holiday memo, please let me know, and I will include them on the next list.

Thank you for respecting the religious beliefs of all members of our community.