Religious Observance Dates (July 1 - June 30)

This resource can be used to guide your planning process for scheduling events and exams on campus. While this list of holidays isn't comprehensive, it does highlight the major days of observance of many of the various religious students on campus.

Note: These dates may require some form of accommodation for religious observances.

For more information about Academic Accommodations for Religious Observance, the University of Calgary has a Student Accommodation Policy that supports religious accommodation of students. View the policy.

Tradition	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Holiday/Observance/Celebration
	July 9, 2021	July 10, 2022	July 10, 2023	Martyrdom of The Báb – the memorial of the execution of The Báb in 1850.
	Nov. 6, 2021	Oct. 26, 2022	Oct. 26, 2023	The birth anniversary of The Báb – twin holy birthdays honouring the birth of The Báb in 1819
Bahá'í	Nov. 7, 2021	Oct. 27, 2022	Oct. 27, 2023	The birth anniversary of Báha'u'lláh – twin holy birthdays honouring the birth of Báha'u'lláh in 1817.
Badí' Calendar Year 1 = 1844 CE	March 21, 2022	March 21, 2023	March 21, 2024	Naw-Rúz – Bahá'í New Year's Day.
This marks the beginning of the Bahá'í Fra or Badí' Fra.	April 21–May 2, 2022	April 21–May 2, 2023	April 21–May 2, 2024	The Festival of Ridván – observes the day on which Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, publicly proclaimed His mission in 1863. The 1st, 9th and 12th days are the most important days in this festival.
	May 24, 2022	May 24, 2023	May 24, 2024	The Declaration of The Báb – commemorates the day in 1844, when The Báb announced His mission as the Herald of a new Messenger of God.
	May 29, 2022	May 29, 2023	May 29, 2024	Ascension of Báha'u'lláh – the anniversary of the passing of Bahá'u'lláh in 1892.
Buddhist	Feb. 1, 2022 (tiger)	Jan. 22, 2023 (rabbit)	Feb. 10, 2024 (dragon)	Lunar New Year – the first day after the new moon. A religious and cultural festival for Chinese, Vietnamese and Koreans of Buddhist and other backgrounds.
The Buddhist calendars are a set of lunisolar calendars	March 3, 2022	Feb. 21, 2023	Feb. 10, 2024	Tibetan New Year – Losar – a 15–day celebration, with the main celebration on the first three days.
primarily used in mainland Southeast	Feb. 15, 2022	Feb. 15, 2023	Feb. 15, 2024	Nirvana Day – Nehan–e is the Mahayana memorial of the historical Buddha's passing away.
Asian countries Types of Buddhists: Theravada	April 16–18, 2022	April 6–8, 2023	April 24–26, 2024	Theravada New Year – because the beginning is marked by sighting the moon, the actual date is not always predictable (it takes place three days from the first full moon in April).
Mahayana Zen Tibetan Year 1 = 543-542 BCE	May 16, 2022	May 5, 2023	May 23, 2024	Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja – the most important day of the year for Theravada Buddhists. It commemorates the birth, awakening and passing away of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. This date is changed based on sect and area. These dates shown are the dates celebrated at the UN headquarters.

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Christianity	Dec. 25, 2021	Dec. 25, 2022	Dec. 25, 2023	Christmas – celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the promised messiah. More importance is given to this holiday in Western Christianity.
Gregorian Calendar (Catholic/Protestant/ Orthodox following modified calendar) Year 1 = 0 CE	April 15, 2022	April 7, 2023	March 29, 2024	Good Friday – commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ and his submission to death by crucifixion.
	April 17, 2022	April 9, 2023	March 31, 2024	Easter – celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
	Jan. 6, 2022	Jan. 6, 2023	Jan. 6, 2024	Nativity of Jesus on Epiphany/Armenian Christmas – celebrated by the Armenian Orthodox Church.
Julian Calendar (Orthodox/ Ukrainian Catholic/	Jan. 7, 2022	Jan. 7, 2023	Jan. 7, 2024	Christmas – celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the promised messiah.
Coptic) Year 1 = 0 CE	April 22, 2022	April 14, 2023	May 3, 2024	Holy Friday

Islam Hijri calendar	July 19–23, 2021	July 9–13, 2022	June 28–July 2, 2023	Eid al-Adha' – the Festival of Sacrifice. Abraham o ered his son, Ishmael, to God, so Muslims o er goat, sheep and camels, and then distribute the meat to the poor. This is the concluding act of pilgrimage (Hajj) but also observed even when not on pilgrimage. (Observance begins at the sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin on this day)
Lunar Calendar *The actual dates are not always predictable because	First day: April 2 Last day:	First day: March 22 Last day:	First day: March 10 Last day:	First Day of the Holy Month of Ramadan – the month of fasting, self–examination and devotion during which physically able Muslims don't eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset.
the beginning of the month is marked bysighting the moon.	May 1, 2022*	April 20, 2023*	April 8, 2024*	Eid al-Fitr – the last day of the month and is "the breaking of the fast" that celebrates the end of Ramadan. (Observance begins at the sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin on this day)
Year 1 = 622 CE	March 21, 2022	March 21, 2023	March 20, 2024	Nowruz – the spring equinox and the New Year. It's celebrated by many religious communities originating in Persia, including some Muslims.
	Sept. 4, 2021			
Jain				
The Jain calendar (Panchanga) is a Indian lunisolar calendar.				

	Oct. 20, 2021	Oct. 20, 2022	Oct. 20, 2023	Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji – celebrates Guru Gobind Singhi Ji (the 10th Guru) passing the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures.
Sikh Nanakshahi Calendar	Nov. 4, 2021	Oct. 24, 2022	Oct. 12, 2023	Bandi Chhor Divas & Diwali – commemorated the return of Guru Hargobind Ji (the 6th Guru) to the holy city of Amritsar after negotiating the release of himself and 52 princes held for political reasons. This festival falls on the same day as Diwali.
Year 1 = 1469 CE Note: Dates of some festivals are fixed to the Indian Calendar (shift every year) and some have been changed to fit to the Gregorian calendar.	Nov. 18, 2021	Nov. 2, 2022	Nov. 27, 2023	Birth Date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji – the founder of the Sikh faith, an accomplished poet and the first of the Ten Gurus in 1469 CE.
	Nov. 24, 2021	Nov. 24, 2022	Nov. 24, 2023	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji – the ninth of the Ten Gurus. He's remembered for his defense of the Sikh faith, but also for being willing to give up his life for religious liberty of all faiths (1621–1675).
	March 14, 2022	March 14, 2023	March 14, 2024	Sikh New Year's Day – marks the first day of the year in the Nanakshahi Era.
	April 13, 2022	April 13, 2023	April 13, 2024	Vaisakhi – commemorates the day in 1699 that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Guru, removed the ca083 TmpmTmpmTmpmTa083