

Quick Reference to High Holy Days 2012-2013 Academic Year

January 2013

February 2013

13 Ash Wednesday Christian

March 2013

10 Mahashivaratri Hindu
27 Holi (*Generally celebrated in evening*) (*During Spring Break*) Hindu
25 Erev Pesach/Passover * (*During Spring Break*) Jewish
26 Passover * (*2nd night*) (*During Spring Break*) Jewish
29 Good Friday * (*During Spring Break*) Christian
31 Easter * (*Sunday*) (*During Spring Break*) Christian

April 2013

May 2013

~ = Jewish holy days begin and end at sunset.

O = Certain Hindu and Muslim holy days are calculated on a lunar calendar and are approximate.

* = High Holy Day.

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Religious Observances: Spring Semester 2013

Holy Day	What it is	Description
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 Ash Wednesday (Christian)	Day of Repentance	A somber service is held. Some may fast – abstain from food and drink – for the entire day.
Sunday, March 10, 2013 Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)	Great Night of Shiva	In a spirit of devotion, fasting, prayer, and keeping vigil begins late evening/early morning of March 9 th /10 th . Those traveling to a temple for puja – ritual worship – would be away from campus the entire day of March 10 th .
Tuesday, March 26, 2013 Pesach/Passover (Jewish)	Festival of Freedom	Beginning at sundown on March 26 th , students refrain from eating bread and grain/yeast and legumes products until the evening of April 3 rd . On March 26 th and 27 th , labor ceases and special services are held. A Seder – meal with extended ritual – is held the evening of March 26 th . In some traditions, the last two nights, April 3 rd and 4 th , also have services. Those traveling to a synagogue, temple, or home for services would be away from campus March 26 th and 27 th , and April 3 rd and 4 th .
Wednesday, March 27, 2013 Holi (Hindu)	Festival of Colors	Celebrating the arrival of spring. Those traveling to a temple would be away from campus March 27 th .
Friday, March 29, 2013 Good Friday (Christian)	Jesus' Death	A somber service is held. Some may fast from Good Friday until Easter – March 29 th until March 31 st . Those traveling to services would be away from campus the entire day, and in some cases would not return until after Easter on March 31 st .
Sunday, March 31, 2013 Easter (Christian)	Jesus' Resurrection	A joyful service is held. Those traveling to a church or home for this holiday would be away from campus March 31 st .
Wednesday, May 01, 2013 Beltane (Pagan)	May Day	A celebratory ritual is held. Those traveling to a Pagan community gathering would be away from campus on May 1 st .