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# RELIGIOUS DAYS 2026 Academic Calendar

The policy of the University is to avoid (where operationally possible) the scheduling of tests and assessments on religious days. The designated religious days for 2026 are as follows:

## 1. Islamic Calendar

20 March	Eid-ul-Fitr (Termination of Fasting) *
27 May	Eid-ul-Adha (Day of Sacrifice) *
26 June	Day of Ashurah (10 <sup>th</sup> day) **

<sup>\*.</sup> These days are not fixed to a calendar but based on the actual sighting of the moon and therefore there may be some variance by a day.

#### 2. Christian Calendar

14 Mav	Ascension Day
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# 3. Jewish Calendar

2 April	Pesach day 1
3 April	Pesach day 2
8 April	Pesach day 7
9 April	Pesach day 8
22 May	Shavuot day 1
23 May	Shavuot day 2
12 September	Rosh Hashanah day 2
13 September	Rosh Hashanah day 3
20 September	Yom Kippur
25 September	Sukkot day 1
26 September	Sukkot day 2
2 October	Shimini Atzeret
3 October	Simchat Torah

All religious days begin at sundown on the date specified in the tables above.

## 4. Hindu/Tamil Calendar

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Ī	8 November	Diwali

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Note that in the Muslim calendar, a religious day begins at the sunset of the previous day.