

MULTI-FAITH CALENDAR (JULY 1 - JUNE 30)

This resource* can be used to guide your planning process for scheduling events and exams on campus. This list of holidays is in no way comprehensive or complete, but this list does highlight the major days of observance of many of the various religious students on campus.

The calendar is a work in progress and does not entirely capture representation of the University's spiritual traditions. The Spiritual Care and Multi-Faith Centre appreciates feedback in order to better serve and represent our campus community.

Tradition	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	Holiday/Commemoration
Bahá'í	July 10, 2022	July 9, 2023	July 9, 2024	The Martyrdom of the Báb – is the memorial of the death of The Báb, on this day work is suspended.
Badí' Calendar Year 1 = 1844 CE, Marks the beginning of the Bahá'í Era or Badí' Era	October 26, 2022	October 16, 2023	November 2, 2024	The birth anniversary of The Báb – the Herald of the new age for Bahá'ís.
	October 27, 2022	October 17, 2023	November 3, 2024	The anniversary of the birth of Báha'u'lláh – the founder of the Bahá'í faith .
	March 21, 2023	March 20, 2024	March 20, 2025	Naw-Rúz – is New Year's Day, the first day of the year in the Bahá'í Era, in which practitioners break – fast and celebrate during the evening.
	April 21 – May 2, 2023	April 20 – May 1, 2024	April 20 – May 1, 2025	The Festival of Ridván – meaning “the King of Festivals” runs for 12 days to commemorate the 12 days Báha'u'lláh spent in the garden of Ridván outside Baghdad. The 1st, 9th, and 12th days are holy days on which work is suspended.
	May 24, 2023	May 23, 2024	May 23, 2025	The Declaration of the Báb – commemorates the day in 1844 when the Báb announced He is the Herald of the new age.
	May 29, 2023	May 28, 2024	May 28, 2025	Ascension of Báha'u'lláh – marks the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith.
Buddhist	December 8, 2022	December 8, 2023	December 8, 2024	Bodhi Day/Rohatsu – or Awakening Day, commemorates the day in which Siddhartha Gautama sat underneath the Bodhi tree, or sacred fig tree, and attained enlightenment. Primarily celebrated in Japan and North America.
The Buddhist Calendars are a set of lunisolar calendars primarily used in mainland Southeast Asian countries. Year 1 = 543-542 BCE	January 17, 2023	January 25, 2024	January 14, 2025	Mahayana New Year – Because the beginning is marked by sighting the moon, the actual date is not always predictable (3 days from the first full moon in January).
	January 22, 2023	February 10, 2024	January 29, 2025	Lunar New Year – is the first day after the new moon, a religious and cultural festival for Chinese, Vietnamese and Koreans of Buddhist and other backgrounds.
Types of Buddhists: Theravada Mahayana Zen Tibetan	February 21, 2023	February 10, 2024	February 28, 2025	Tibetan New Year – Losar is a 15 day celebration, with the main celebration on the first 3 days.
	February 15, 2023	February 15, 2024	February 15, 2025	Nirvana Day – Nehan-e is the Mahayana memorial of the historical Buddha's passing away.
	April 6, 2023	April 24, 2024	April 13, 2025	Theravada New Year – Because the beginning is marked by sighting the moon, the actual date is not always predictable (3 days from the first full moon in April).
	May 5, 2023	May 23, 2024	May 12, 2025	Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja – is the most important day of the year for Theravada Buddhists that commemorates the birth, awakening and passing away of the historical Buddha; Siddhartha Gautama.

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Christianity Gregorian Calendar Year 1 = 0 CE (Catholic/Protestant/ Orthodox following modified calendar)	December 25, 2022	December 25, 2023	December 25, 2024	Christmas – celebrates the birth of Christ, the promised messiah. More importance is given to this holiday in Western Christianity.
	April 6 – 9, 2023	March 28 – 31, 2024	April 17 – 20, 2025	Easter Triduum – the celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Christians celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. It is the high point of the liturgical year.
	April 7, 2023	March 29, 2024	April 18, 2025	Good Friday – commemorates the Passion of Christ and his submission to death by crucifixion.
	April 9, 2023	March 31, 2024	April 20, 2025	Easter – celebrates the resurrection of Christ.
Christianity Julian Calendar Year 1 = 0 CE (Orthodox/Ukrainian Catholic/Coptic)	January 6, 2023	January 6, 2024	January 6, 2025	Nativity of Christ on Epiphany – as celebrated by the Armenian Orthodox Church.
	January 7, 2023	January 7, 2024	January 7, 2025	Christmas – celebrates the birth of Christ, promised Messiah.
	April 14, 2023	May 3, 2024	April 18, 2025	Holy Friday – commemorates the Passion of Christ and his submission to death by crucifixion.
	April 16, 2023	May 5, 2024	April 20, 2025	Pascha – celebrates the resurrection of Christ.
Hindu The Indian national calendar or "Saka calendar" was introduced in 1957 based on the traditional regional Hindu calendars; these share the names of the twelve months but have some different festivals and the month which starts the year also varies from region to region.	August 18, 2022	September 6, 2023	August 26, 2024	Sri Krishna Jayanti (Janmashtami) – celebrates the birthday of Krishna, the 8th incarnation of the God Vishnu.
	October 24, 2022	November 12, 2023	October 31, 2024	Diwali – is a popular festival known as the Festival of Lights, celebrated continuously for five days, associated with a story about the destruction of evil by Lord Vishnu in one of his many manifestations. Also celebrated by Sikhs and Jains.
	January 14, 2023	January 14, 2024	January 14, 2025	Makar Sankranti – a harvest festival that marks the increase of the sun twinned with the Punjab celebration Lohri, which marks the passing of the winter solstice.
	January 26, 2023	February 14, 2024	February 2, 2025	Vasanta Panchami – is a North Indian celebration associated with Saraswati and Lakshmi, the Goddess of Learning and the Goddess of Wealth as well as the colour yellow.
	February 18, 2023	March 8, 2024	February 26, 2025	Maha Shivaratri – "the Great Night of Shiva," is a major festival in Hinduism, but one that is solemn and marks a remembrance of "overcoming darkness and ignorance" in life and the world and honors the God Shiva.
	March 8, 2023	March 25, 2024	March 14, 2025	Holi – is the Festival of Colours that welcomes Spring, generally celebrated over two days, with people throwing colourful powder and coloured water on each other.
	March 22 – 30, 2023	April 9 – 17, 2024	March 30 – April 7, 2025	Chaitra Navratri – a nine day festival dedicated to nine forms of Goddess Shakti.

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Indigenous Spirituality Calendar is based on lunar cycles and seasons. There is no definitive and overarching "Indigenous religion." Spiritual beliefs vary widely, as do the cultural practices of contemporary Indigenous peoples in Canada. Listed here are those many have in common.	September 22, 2022	September 23, 2023	September 22, 2024	Fall Equinox – this is a day with equal parts light and dark. Marks a time to give thanks for the harvest, preparation for what's to come, and acknowledging the change of seasons.
	September 30, 2022	September 30, 2023	September 30, 2024	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation / Orange Shirt Day – National day of remembrance for the victims of the Canadian residential school system.
	December 21, 2022	December 21, 2023	December 21, 2024	Winter Solstice – marks the shortest day and the longest night in the northern hemisphere. This is a time of renewal, quiet reflection, and preparing for the year ahead.
	March 20, 2023	March 19, 2024	March 20, 2025	Spring Equinox – the first day of spring marks the beginning of longer days and more sunshine. This is a time for change, growth and renewal.
	May 5, 2023	May 5, 2024	May 5, 2025	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People (Red Dress Day) – The day is marked by people hanging red dresses from trees, windows, fences and balconies. Dangling limply on hangers without women to wear them, the dresses are visual reminders of the thousands of missing Indigenous people in Canada.
	Celebrated around same time as Convocation (check with Migizii Agamik, Fort Garry Campus and Ongomiizwin, Bannatyne Campus for exact dates)			Graduation Pow Wow – celebrated near the time of Convocation.
	Occurs in summer season (check with Migizii Agamik, Fort Garry Campus and Ongomiizwin, Bannatyne Campus for additional information)			Sundance – a ceremony that occurs in the summer season.
	June 1 – 30, 2023	June 1 – 30, 2024	June 1 – 30, 2025	Indigenous History Month
	June 21, 2023	June 21, 2024	June 21, 2025	National Indigenous People's Day
	June 21, 2023	June 20, 2024	June 20, 2025	Summer Solstice – the longest day of the year, it symbolizes a new season of life, a chance to start fresh and leave past burdens behind.
Islam Hijri Calendar Year 1 = 622CE Note: Because the beginning of the month is marked by sighting the moon, the actual dates are not always predictable	March 23 – April 20, 2023	March 11 – April 9, 2024	March 1 – 29, 2025	First Day of the Holy Month of Ramadan – the month of fasting, self-examination and devotion during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset.
	April 21, 2023	April 10, 2024	March 30, 2025	Eid al-Fitr – marks the end of Ramadan (observance begins at sunset of the previous day). A special service is celebrated at mosques.
	June 29, 2023	June 16, 2024	June 6, 2025	Eid al-Adha' – as Abraham offered his son Ishmael to God, so Muslims offer goat, sheep & camels, distributing the meat among family and the poor. This is the concluding act of pilgrimage (Hajj) but also observed even when not on pilgrimage.

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Jain Indian Lunar Calendar	August 24, 2022	September 11, 2023	August 30, 2024	Paryshana-parva – is the holiest period of the year for the Shvetambara sect, includes fasting, worship, and reading the life story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra. It is celebrated over 8 days ending on Samvatsari.
	August 31, 2022	September 10, 2023	September 7, 2024	Samvatsari – the Day of Forgiveness, is the last day of Paryushana-parva and is observed by fasting, introspection, confession and penance.
	October 24, 2022	November 12, 2023	November 11, 2024	Mahavira Nirvana & Diwali – on this day the 24 th Tirthankara attained nirvana and release from the cycle of rebirth.
	March 28 – April 6, 2023	April 15 – 23, 2024	April 4 – 15, 2025	Aymbil Oli – is a 9 day festival occurring twice a year in which Jains revere the Nav-pads, 'nine-posts,' the 9 supreme posts in the universe. This involves a special type of fasting.
	April 3, 2023	April 21, 2024	April 10, 2025	Mahavari – jayanti – celebrates the birth of the Lord Mahavira, "Great Hero," the 24 th and last Tirthankara of his time: a saviour who has succeeded in crossing over life's stream of rebirths and has made a path for others to follow.
Judaism Hebrew Calendar Year 1 = 3760 BCE Note: A Jewish day extends from sundown to sundown	August 6, 2022	July 26, 2023	August 12, 2024	Tish'a B'Av – the ninth month of Av, is a major fast day that commemorates the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem in ancient times.
	September 25 – 27, 2022	September 15 – 17, 2023	October 2 – 4, 2024	Rosh Hashanah – New year's Day in the Jewish calendar (5777), anniversary of the creation of the world and the first of the Ten days of Awe.
	October 4 – 5, 2022	September 24 – 25, 2023	October 11 – 12, 2024	Yom Kippur – the Day of Atonement, is the year's holiest day and a day of fasting. Jews ask forgiveness from and forgive others, as to re-establish oneness with God, as well as confessing their sins and asking God for forgiveness.
	October 9 – 16, 2022	September 29 – October 6, 2023	October 16 – 23, 2024	Sukkot – is a pilgrimage feast and a time of thanksgiving for God's presence in creation and among the Jewish people.
	October 16 – 18, 2022	October 6 – 8, 2023	October 23 – 25, 2024	Shmini Atzeret – the Eight Day of Assembly, is a holiday that concludes Sukkot and marks the beginning of winter in Israel.
	October 17 – 18, 2022	October 7 – 8, 2023	October 24 – 25, 2024	Simhat Torah – Rejoicing of the Law, celebrates the beginning of the annual Torah reading cycle at the synagogue.
	December 18 – 26, 2022	December 7 – 15, 2023	December 25, 2024 – January 2, 2025	Chanukah – the festival of rededication also known as the Festival of Lights. It marks the expulsion of the invading Seleucid Greeks in second century BCE.
	March 6 – 7, 2023	March 23 – 24, 2024	March 13 – 14, 2025	Purim – the festival of lots is a holiday that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish exiles in Persia, from the destructive plot by Haman.
	April 5 – 13, 2023	April 22 – 30, 2024	April 12 – 20, 2025	Pesach – Passover commemorates the story of Exodus in which the ancient Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt.
	May 25 – 27, 2023	June 11 – 13, 2024	June 1 – 3, 2025	Shavuot – the festival of weeks commemorates God's provision of Torah to the nation of Israel, assembled at Mount Sinai. Its date is directly linked to Passover.

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Sikh	October 20, 2022	October 20, 2023	October 20, 2024	Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji – celebrates Guru Gobind Singhi Ji (10 th Guru) passing the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures.
Nanakshahi Calendar Year 1 = 1469 CE Note: Dates of some festivals are fixed to the Hindu Calendar, which change every year, and some have been changed to fit the Gregorian Calendar	October 24, 2022	November 12, 2023	October 31, 2024	Bandi Chhor Divas – commemorated the return of Guru Hargobind Ji (6th Guru) to the holy city of Amritsar after negotiating the release of himself and 52 princes held for political reasons.
	November 8, 2022	November 27, 2023	November 15, 2024	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.
	November 24, 2022	November 24, 2023	November 24, 2024	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur – the ninth of the Ten Gurus, he is 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, 2023	March 14, 2024	March 14, 2025	Sikh New Year's Day – marks the first day of the year in the Nanakshahi Era.
	April 14, 2023	April 13, 2024	April 14, 2025	Vaisakhi – commemorates the day in 1699 that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, (10 th Guru), removed the clerical system from Sikhism and affirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine.
	March 8 – 10, 2023	March 25 – 27, 2024	March 14 – 16, 2025	Hola Mohalla – 3 day festival celebrated around the time of the Hindu festival of Holi that incorporates martial arts demonstrations and simulated battles.
	June 16, 2023	June 16, 2024	June 16, 2025	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji - the 5 th Sikh Guru and the 1 st Sikh Martyr was killed in 1606 by Mughal authorities, his death transformed the Sikhs into saint-soldiers in the fight against oppression.
Zoroastrian	December 26, 2022	December 26, 2023	December 26, 2024	Death of Prophet Zarathustra – the founder of Zoroastrian faith who lived somewhere between 6000 – 2000 BCE.
Qadimi Calendar	March 21, 2023	March 21, 2024	March 21, 2025	Norooz – “new day,” is New Year’s Day in the Fasli seasonal calendar celebrating the renewal of the world, the creation of fire and the day Zarathustra received his revelation.