

Information for Students Regarding Religious-Academic Conflicts

The Office of the Provost
University of Michigan

Although the University of Michigan, as an institution, does not observe religious holidays, it has long been the University's policy that every reasonable effort should be made to help students avoid negative academic consequences when their religious obligations conflict with academic requirements. Absence from classes or examinations for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence. Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance shall be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent. Such notice must be given by the drop/add deadline of the given term. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments shall be offered an opportunity to make up the work, without penalty, unless it can be demonstrated that a make-up opportunity would interfere unreasonably with the delivery of the course. Should disagreement arise over any aspect of this policy, the parties involved should contact the Department Chair, the Dean of the School, or the Ombudsperson. Final appeals will be resolved by the Provost.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Among the religious holidays that might pose conflicts with the 2016-2017 academic calendar are:

<i>2016 Holidays</i>	<i>2017 Holidays</i>		
Paryushan**	August 28	Feast of the Epiphany	January 6
Id al-Adha**	September 11	Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)	January 7
Rosh Hashanah*	October 2-4	Sankranti	January 14
10th of Muharram**	October 3	Chinese New Year & Tet	January 28
Yom Kippur*	October 11-12	Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent	February 27
Sukkot*	October 16-18	Ash Wednesday	March 1
Birthday of the Bab	October 20	Nowruz	March 21
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah*	October 23-25	Passover (Pesach)*	April 10-18
Diwali**	October 30-November 3	Good Friday	April 14
Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh	November 12	Eastern Orthodox Good Friday	April 14
Birth of the Prophet Muhammad**	December 12	Baisakhi	April 14
Christmas	December 25	Easter	April 16
		Eastern Orthodox Easter	April 16
		Ridvan	April 21
		Ninth Day of Ridvan	April 29
		Twelfth Day of Ridvan	May 2
		Declaration of the Bab	May 23
		Ascension Day	May 25
		Eastern Orthodox Ascension Day	May 25
		Ramadan**	May 27-July 25
		Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	May 29
		Shavout	May 30-June 1
		23rd of Ramadan**	June 18
		Id al-Fitr	June 25
		Martyrdom of the Bab	July 9
		Holy Day of 'Arafah**	August 31

*Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed.

**These holidays are calculated on a lunar calendar and are approximate.