

## 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 2017-2018 academic calendar are:

<i>2017 Holidays</i>		<i>2018 Holidays</i>	
Paryushan**	August 18	Feast of the Epiphany	January 6
Id al-Adha**	September 1	Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)	January 7
Rosh Hashanah*	September 20-22	Sankranti	January 14
10th of Muharram**	September 22	Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent	February 12
Yom Kippur*	September 29-30	Ash Wednesday	February 14
Sukkot*	October 4-6	Chinese New Year & Tet	February 16
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah*	October 11-13	Purim	February 28-March 1
Diwali**	October 19-23	Nowruz	March 21
Birthday of the Bab	October 20	Passover (Pesach)*	March 30-April 7
Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh	November 12	Good Friday	March 30
Birth of the Prophet Muhammad**	December 1	Easter	April 1
Hanukkah	December 12-20	Eastern Orthodox Good Friday	April 6
Christmas	December 25	Eastern Orthodox Easter	April 8
Kwanzaa	December 26-January 1, 2018	Baisakhi	April 14
		Ridvan	April 21
		Ninth Day of Ridvan	April 29
		Twelfth Day of Ridvan	May 2
		Ascension Day	May 10
		Ramadan**	May 15-June 14
		Eastern Orthodox Ascension Day	May 17
		Shavout	May 19-21
		Declaration of the Bab	May 23
		Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	May 29
		23rd of Ramadan**	June 7
		Id al-Fitr	June 15
		Martyrdom of the Bab	July 9
		Holy Day of 'Arafah**	August 21

\*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.