

### Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days of Special Observance

2012-2013 Academic Year	2013-2014 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
07/20/12 #	07/09/13 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
08/10/12 *	08/28/13 *	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
08/14/12 #	08/03/13 #	Laylat al Kadr #	Islamic	
08/19/12 #	08/08/13 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) #	Islamic	
08/27/12	08/26/13	Instruction Begins		
09/03/12	09/02/13	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
09/16/12 sunset to 09/18/12 sunset *	09/04/13 sunset to 09/06/13 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
09/25/12 sunset to 09/26/12 sunset *	09/13/13 sunset to 09/14/13 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
09/30/12 sunset to 10/02/12 sunset *	09/18/13 sunset to 09/20/13 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) - First two days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
10/07/12 sunset to 10/09/12 sunset *	09/25/13 sunset to 09/27/13 sunset *	Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah *	Jewish	
10/24/12 *	10/14/13 *	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami) *	Hinduism	
10/25/12 sunset to 10/26/12 sunset #	10/15/13 sunset to 10/16/13 sunset #	Eid al-Adha #	Islamic	
11/12/12 *	11/12/13 *	Birth of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i	
11/13/12 *	11/03/13 *	Diwali *	Hinduism	
11/22/12	11/28/13	Thanksgiving - No classes	National	University Holiday
11/23/12	tbd	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
11/23/12 sunset to 11/24/12 sunset #	11/13/13 sunset to 11/14/13 sunset #	Ashura #	Islamic, Shia	
12/08/12 sunset to 12/16/12 sunset	11/27/13 sunset to 12/05/13 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
12/14/12	12/13/13	Last Day of Finals		
12/25/12	12/25/13	Christmas - Classes not in session	Christian	
12/25/12	12/25/13	Christmas Observed	National	University Holiday
12/26/12	tbd	Designated Holiday #2	University	Except for Group B**
12/26/12 to 01/01/13	12/26/13 to 01/01/14	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
01/01/13	01/01/14	New Year's Day	National	
01/01/13	01/01/14	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
01/07/13	01/07/14	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
01/14/13	01/13/14	Instruction Begins		
01/21/13	01/20/14	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
01/23/13 sunset to 01/24/13 sunset #	01/13/14 sunset to 01/14/14 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
3/10/2013 *	02/28/14 *	Maha Shivarti *	Hinduism	
02/23/13 sunset to 02/25/13 sunset	03/15/14 sunset to 03/17/14 sunset	Purim	Jewish	

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03/27/13*	03/17/14 *	Holi *	Hinduism	
03/25/13 to 03/29/13	03/24/14 to 03/28/14	Spring Break - No Classes		
03/25/13 sunset to 03/27/13 sunset *	04/14/14 sunset to 04/16/14 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - First Two Days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days#
03/29/13	04/18/14	Good Friday	Christian	
03/31/13	04/20/14	Easter	Christian	
03/31/13 sunset to 04/02/13 sunset *	04/20/14 sunset to 04/22/14 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - Last Two Days *		Primary Obligation Days#
05/03/13	04/18/14	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
05/05/13	04/20/14	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
05/10/13	05/09/14	Last Day of Finals		
05/14/13 sunset to 05/16/13 sunset *	06/03/14 sunset to 06/05/14 sunset *	Shavuot *	Jewish	
05/20/13	05/19/14	Four Week Instruction Begins		
05/25/13	05/18/14	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
05/27/13	05/26/14	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
06/14/13	06/13/14	Four Week Session Ends		
06/17/13	06/16/14	Eight Week Instruction Begins		
07/04/13	07/04/14	Independence Day	National	University Holiday
08/09/13	08/08/14	Eight Week Sessions Ends		

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**This list is NOT all-inclusive and customs may use a variation of the dates listed.**

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Shabbat (Jewish) is observed every Friday from sunset until Saturday sunset.

\* These holidays have been designated non-work days by the religions that celebrate them.

\*\* Group B - For employees working in the hospital, clinics, Office for the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, all departments under the Department of Facilities Management and Capital Programs, Environmental Health and Safety, Telecommunications Services, Facility and Space Planning, UIC Police Department, Campus Auxiliary Services, and Biological Resources Laboratory.

# Some of these dates are not fixed to a calendar but are based on the actual sighting of the moon and/or astronomical calculations, therefore there may be some variance by a day.