

Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days of Special Observance				
2016-2017 Academic Year	2017-2018 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
6/6/2016 #	5/27/2017 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
7/2/2016 #	6/22/2017 #	Laylat al Kadr #	Islamic	
7/6/2016 #	6/26/2017 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) #	Islamic	
8/22/2016	8/28/2017	Instruction Begins		
8/25/2016 *	8/15/2017 *	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
9/5/2016	9/4/2017	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
10/2/2016 sunset to 10/4/2016 sunset *	9/20/2017 sunset to 9/22/2017 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
10/11/2016 sunset to 10/12/2016 sunset *	9/29/2017 sunset to 9/30/2017 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
9/12/2016 sunset to 9/13/2016 sunset #	9/1/2017 sunset to 9/2/2017 sunset #	Eid al-Adha #	Islamic	
10/16/2016 sunset to 10/23/2016 sunset *	10/4/2017 sunset to 10/11/2017 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
10/23/2016 sunset to 10/25/2016 sunset *	10/11/2017 sunset to 10/13/2017 sunset *	Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
10/11/2016 *	9/30/2017 *	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami) *	Hinduism	
10/10/2016 sunset to 10/11/2016 sunset #	9/30/2017 sunset to 10/1/2017 sunset #	Ashura #	Islamic, Shia	
10/30/2016 *	10/19/2017 *	Diwali *	Hinduism	
11/12/2016 *	11/12/2017 *	Birth of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i	
11/24/2016	11/23/2017	Thanksgiving - No classes	National	University Holiday
11/25/2016	11/24/2017	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
12/9/2016	12/15/2017	Last Day of Finals		
12/24/2016 sunset to 1/1/2017 sunset	12/12/2017 sunset to 12/20/2017 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
12/11/16 sunset to 12/12/16 sunset #	11/30/2017 sunset to 12/1/2017 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
12/25/2016	12/25/2017	Christmas Observed	National	University Holiday

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12/26/2016 to 1/1/2017	12/26/2017 to 1/1/2018	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
tbd	tbd	Designated Holiday #2	University	
1/1/2017	1/1/2018	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
1/7/2017	1/7/2018	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
1/9/2017	1/16/2018	Instruction Begins		
1/16/2017	1/15/2018	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
2/24/2017 *	2/14/2018 *	Maha Shivarti *	Hinduism	
3/20/2017 to 3/24/2017	3/26/2018 to 3/30/2018	Spring Break - No Classes		
3/13/2017 *	3/2/2018 *	Holi *	Hinduism	
3/11/2017 sunset to 3/12/2017 sunset	2/28/2018 sunset to 3/1/2018 sunset	Purim	Jewish	
4/14/2017	4/13/2018	Vaisakhi	Sikh	
4/14/2017	3/30/2018	Good Friday	Christian	
4/16/2017	4/1/2018	Easter	Christian	
4/10/2017 sunset to 4/12/2017 sunset *	3/31/2018 sunset to 4/1/2018 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - First Two Days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
4/16/2017 sunset to 4/18/2017 sunset *	4/6/2018 sunset to 4/7/2018 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - Last Two Days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
4/14/2017	4/6/2018	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
4/16/2017	4/8/2018	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
5/5/2017	5/11/2018	Last Day of Finals		
5/10/2017	4/29/2018	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
5/15/2017	5/21/2018	Four Week Instruction Begins		
5/29/2017	5/28/2018	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
6/9/2017	6/15/2018	Four Week Session Ends		
5/30/2017 sunset to 6/1/2017 sunset *	5/20/2018 sunset to 5/21/2018 sunset *	Shavuot *	Jewish	
6/12/2017	6/18/2018	Eight Week Instruction Begins		

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7/4/2017	7/4/2018	Independence Day Observed	National	University Holiday
7/4/2017	7/4/2018	Independence Day	National	
8/4/2017	8/10/2018	Eight Week Sessions Ends		
This list is NOT all-inclusive and customs may use a variation of the dates listed. If a holiday is not listed, that does not mean the holiday is not observed.				
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 fo 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.				