

Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days of Special Observance				
2019-2020 Academic Year	2020-2021 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
8/10/2019 sunset to 8/11/2019 sunset #	7/30/20 sunset to 7/31/2020 sunset #	Eid al-Adha #	Islamic	
8/25/2019	8/24/2019	Instruction Begins		
8/28/2019 *	8/11/2020 *	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
9/2/2019	9/7/2020	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
9/29/2019 sunset to 10/1/2019 sunset *	9/18/2020 sunset to 9/20/2020 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
10/8/2019 sunset to 10/9/2010 sunset *	9/27/2020 sunset to 9/28/2020 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
9/9/2010 sunset to 9/10/2019 sunset #	8/28/2020 sunset to 8/29/2020 sunset #	Ashura #	Islamic, Shia	
10/13/2019 sunset to 10/20/2019 sunset *	10/2/2020 sunset to 10/9/2020 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)*	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days Oct 14-15, 2019
10/20/2019 sunset to 10/22/2019 sunset	10/9/2020 sunset to 10/11/2020 sunset *	Shemini Atzert/ Simchat Torah*	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days Oct 21-22, 2019
10/8/2019	10/25/2020	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami)	Hinduism	
10/27/2019 *	11/14/2020 *	Diwali*	Hinduism	
10/29/2019 sunset to 10/30/2019 sunset	10/18/2020 sunset to 10/19/2020 sunset	Birth of Bha'u'llah*	Baha'i	
	11/3/2020	Election Day	University	Under legislation signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, the University of Illinois System will observe a state holiday on 2020 Election Day
11/9/2019 sunset to 11/10/2019 sunset #	10/28/2020 sunset to 10/29/2020 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
11/28/2019	11/26/2020	Thanksgiving - No Classes	National	University Holiday
11/29/2019	11/27/2020	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
12/13/2019	12/11/2020	Last Day of Finals		
12/22/2019 sunset to 12/30/2019 sunset	12/10/2020 sunset to 12/18/2020 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/25/2019	12/25/2020	Christmas Observed	National / Christian	University Holiday

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12/26/2019 to 1/1/2020	12/26/2020 to 1/1/2021	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/26/2019	12/26/2020	Designated Holiday #2	University	
1/1/2020	1/1/2021	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
1/7/2020	1/7/2021	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
1/13/2020	1/11/2021	Instruction Begins		
1/20/2020	1/18/2021	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
2/21/2020	3/11/2021	Maha Shivarti*	Hinduism	
3/9/2020 sunset to 3/10/2020 sunset	2/25/2021 sunset to 2/26/2021 sunset	Purim	Jewish	
3/9/2020 sunset to 3/10/2020 sunset	3/29/2021	Holi*	Hinduism	
3/23/2020 to 3/27/2020	3/22/2021 to 3/26/2021	Spring Break - No Classes	University	
4/8/2020 sunset to 4/10/2020 sunset*	3/27/2021 sunset to 3/29/2021 sunset*	Passover (Pesach) - First Two Days*	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days Apr 9-10, 2020
4/10/2020	4/2/2021	Good Friday	Christian	
4/12/2020	4/4/2021	Easter	Christian	
4/13/2020	4/14/2021	Vaisakhi	Sikh	
4/14/2020 sunset to 4/16/2020 sunset*	4/2/2021 sunset to 4/4/2021 sunset*	Passover (Pesach) - Last Two Days*	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days Apr 15-16, 2020
4/17/2020	4/30/2021	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
4/19/2020	5/2/2021	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
4/24/2020 #	4/13/2021 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
5/7/2020	5/26/2021	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
5/8/2020	5/7/2021	Last Day of Finals		
5/18/2020	5/17/2021	Four Week Instruction Begins		
5/19/2020 #	5/8/2021 #	Laylat al Qadr	Islamic	
5/24/2020 #	5/13/2021 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Islamic	
5/25/2020	5/31/2021	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
5/28/2020 sunset to 5/30/2020	5/16/2021 sunset to 5/18/2021 sunset *	Shavuot*	Jewish	
6/12/2020	6/10/2021	Four Week Session Ends		
6/15/2020	6/14/2021	Eight Week Instruction		

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7/4/2020 (7/3/2020 University Holiday)	7/4/2020 (7/5/2020 University Holiday)	Independence Day	National	University Holiday
8/7/2020	8/4/2021	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.				