

Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days of Special Observance

2023-2024 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
6/27/2023 sunset to 6/38/2023 sunset #	Eid al-Adha #	Islamic	
7/27/2023 sunset to 7/28/2023 sunset #	Ashura #	Islamic, Shia	
8/21/2023	Instruction Begins		
9/4/2023	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
9/6/2023 - 9/7/2023*	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
9/15/2023 sunset to 9/17/2023 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
9/24/2023 sunset to 9/25/2023 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
9/26/2023 sunset to 9/27/2023 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
9/29/2023 sunset to 10/6/2023 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)*	Jewish	
10/6/2023 sunset to 10/8/2023 sunset *	Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah*	Jewish	
10/24/2023	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami)	Hinduism	
10/16/2023 sunset to 10/17/2023 sunset	Birth of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i	
11/12/2023 *	Diwali*	Hinduism	
11/23/2023	Thanksgiving - No Classes	National	University Holiday
11/24/2023	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
12/7/2023 sunset to 12/15/2023 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/8/2023	Last Day of Finals		
12/25/2023	Christmas Observed	National / Christian	University Holiday

12/26/2023 to 1/1/2024	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/27/2023	Designated Holiday #2	University	
1/1/2024	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
1/7/2024	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
1/8/2024	Instruction Begins		
1/15/2024	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
3/8/2024	Maha Shivratri*	Hinduism	
3/18/2024 to 3/22/2024	Spring Break - No Classes	University	
3/23/2024 sunset to 3/24/2024 sunset	Purim	Jewish	
3/25/2024	Holi*	Hinduism	
3/29/2024	Good Friday	Christian	
3/31/2024	Easter	Christian	
4/22/2024 sunset to 4/30/2024 sunset*	Passover (Pesach)*	Jewish	

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3/11/2024 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
3/29/2024	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
4/6/2024 #	Laylat al Qadr	Islamic	
4/10/2024 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Islamic	
4/13/2024	Vaisakhi	Sikh	

4/22/2024 sunset to 4/30/2024 sunset*	Passover (Pesach)*	Jewish	
5/3/2024	Last Day of Finals		
5/5/2024	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
5/13/2024	Four Week Instruction Begins		
5/23/2024	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
5/27/2024	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
6/6/2024	Four Week Session Ends		
6/10/2024	Eight Week Instruction		
6/11/2024 sunset to 6/13/2024 sunset *	Shavuot*	Jewish	
7/4/2024	Independence Day	National	University Holiday
7/31/2024	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.			