

Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days Of Special Observance

2024-2025 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
6/11/2024 sunset to 6/13/2024 sunset*	Shavuot*	Jewish	
6/15/2024 sunset to 6/16/2024 sunset #	Eid al-Adha	Islamic	
7/4/2024	Independence Day	National	
7/16/2024 sunset to 7/17/2024 sunset #	Ashura	Islamic, Shia	
8/26/2024	Instruction Begins		
8/26/2024*	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
9/2/2024	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
9/15/2024 sunset to 9/16/2024 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
10/2/2024 sunset to 10/4/2024 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
10/11/2024 sunset to 10/12/2024 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
10/12/2024	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami)	Hinduism	
10/16/2024 sunset to 10/23/2024 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)*	Jewish	
10/18/2024	Eight-week Part of Term A ends.		
10/21/2024	Eight-week Part of Term B begins.		
10/23/2024 sunset to 10/25/2024 sunset *	Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah*	Jewish	
11/1/2024 *	Diwali*	Hinduism	
11/3/2024	Birth of Baha'u'llah*	Baha'i	
11/27/2024	Student Wellness Day	University	
11/28/2024	Thanksgiving - No Classes	National	University Holiday
11/29/2024	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
12/9/2024 - 12/13/2024	Final Exam Week		
12/24/2024	Gift Day #1 ^A	University	
12/25/2024	Christmas Observed	National	University Holiday
12/25/2024 sunset to 1/2/2025 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/26/2024	Day After Christmas	University	Group A Designated Holiday
12/26/2024 to 1/1/2025	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - does not require absence from work
12/27/2024	President Designated Holiday	University	
12/30/2024	Gift Day #2 ^A	University	

12/31/2024	Gift Day #3 [^]	University	
1/1/2025	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
1/7/2025	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
1/13/2025	Instruction Begins		
1/20/2025	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
2/25/2025 - 2/26/2025	Maha Shivratri*	Hinduism	
2/28/2025 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
3/7/2026	Eight-week Part of Term A ends.		
3/10/2025	Eight-week Part of Term B ends.		
3/13/2025 sunset to 3/14/2025 sunset	Purim	Jewish	
3/14/2025	Holi*	Hinduism	
3/24/2025 to 3/28/2025	Spring Break - No Classes	University	
3/27/2025 #	Laylat al Qadr	Islamic	
3/30/2025 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Islamic	
4/12/2025 sunset to 4/20/2025 sunset*	Passover (Pesach)*	Jewish	
4/14/2025	Vaisakhi	Sikh	
4/18/2025	Good Friday	Christian	
4/18/2025	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
4/20/2025	Easter	Christian	
4/20/2025	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
5/5/2025 to 5/9/2025	Final Exam Week		
5/12/2025	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
5/19/2025	Four Week Instruction Begins		
5/26/2025	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
6/6/2025 sunset to 6/7/2025 sunset #	Eid al-Adha	Islamic	
6/1/2025 sunset to 6/3/2025 sunset *	Shavuot*	Jewish	
6/13/2025	Four Week Session Ends		
6/16/2025	Eight Week Instruction Begins		
6/19/2025	Juneteenth	State	University Holiday
7/4/2025	Independence Day	National	University Holiday
7/5/2025 sunset to 7/6/2025 sunset #	Ashura	Islamic, Shia	
8/8/2025	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.

^AGroup A schedule grants three (3) gift days and one (1) President-designated holiday over the December break