

Religious Holidays

It is the policy of Barnard College to respect its members' religious beliefs. In compliance with New York State law, each student who is absent from school because of her religious beliefs will be given an equivalent opportunity to register for classes or make up examination, study, or work requirements that she may have missed because of such absence on a particular day or days. No student will be penalized for absence due to religious beliefs, and alternative means will be sought for satisfying the academic requirements involved.

Those responsible for the scheduling of academic activities or essential services are expected to avoid conflict with religious holidays as much as possible. If a suitable arrangement cannot be worked out between the student and the instructor involved, the instructor should consult Vice Provost for Academic Programs [Saskia Hamilton](#). If an additional appeal is needed, it may be taken to the Provost.

A list of all religious holidays can be found on the [interfaith calendar](#).

For your information in planning your syllabus, the major Islamic and Jewish Holidays during the school year are listed below. Please note that many of these holidays begin on sundown of the preceding day.

Major Religious Holidays Academic Year 2019-2020

Holiday	
2019	
KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI	FRI AUG 23
ROSH HASHANAH	SUN SEP 29 (sundown) - TUES OCT 1
YOM KIPPUR	TUES OCT 8 (sundown) - WED OCT 9
SUKKOT	SUN OCT 13 (sundown) - SUN OCT 20
SHEMINI ATZERET	SUN OCT 20 (sundown) - MON OCT 21
SIMCHAT TORAH	MON OCT 21 (sundown) - TUES OCT 22
NAVARATRI	SUN SEPT 29 - MON OCT 7
DASARA	TUES OCT 8
DIWALI	SUN OCT 27
HANUKKAH	SUN DEC 22 (sundown) - MON DEC 30
CHRISTMAS	WED DEC 25
KWANZAA	THURS DEC 26

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PURIM	MON MAR 9 (sundown) - TUES MAR 10
PASSOVER	WED APR 8 (sundown) - THURS APR 16
GOOD FRIDAY	FRI APR 10
EASTER	SUN APR 12
RAMADAN	FRI APR 24 - SAT MAY 23
EID AL FITR	SAT MAY 23 - SUN MAY 24
EID AL ADHA	WED JUL 31 - SAT AUG 3