

# Non-exhaustive List of Religious Holidays/Holy Days

(January-December 2023)

**House Bill 353** of the **134th General Assembly** directed the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) to develop a non-exhaustive list of major religious holidays or festivals for the next two academic years at the beginning of each academic year. Each state institution of higher education may adopt ODHE's list in its entirety, or choose instead which holidays to include on its list. As required by the statute, the list of major religious holidays and festivals included herein is non-exhaustive and is not intended to purposefully exclude any religious holidays or festivals. This list is meant to serve solely as a resource for state institutions of higher education to utilize, at their discretion, in adopting a list on their websites.

## Judaism

Tu B'Shvat in February  
Purim (March 6-7)  
Yom HaShoah in April  
Lag B'Omer in April  
Pesach (Passover) (April 5-13)  
Yom HaSho'ah (April 17-18)  
Yom Ha'Azmaut in May  
Shavuot (May 25-27)  
Tisha B'Av (July 26-27)  
Rosh Hashanah (September 15-17)  
Yom Kippur (September 24-25)  
Sukkot (September 29 - October 6)  
Shemini Atzeret (October 6-8)  
Simchat Torah (October 7-8)  
Hanukkah (December 7-15)

## Christianity

Feast of Mary Mother of God (January 1)  
Christmas – Eastern Orthodox (January 7)  
Epiphany (January 8)  
Ash Wednesday (February 22)  
Lent (Feb 22-April 6)  
Orthodox Lent (Feb 27-April 8)  
Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)  
Palm Sunday (April 2)  
Holy Thursday (April 6)  
Good Friday (April 7)  
Easter (April 9)  
Pascha/Easter (Eastern Orthodox) (April 16)  
Feast of the Ascension (May 18)  
Pentecost (May 28)  
Trinity Sunday (June 4)  
Corpus Christi Sunday (June 8)  
Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 16)  
Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)  
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29)  
Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola (July 31)  
Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15)  
All Saints Day (November 1)  
All Souls Day (November 2)  
Dia de los Muertos (November 1-2)  
Feast of Christ the King (November 26)  
Advent Season (December 3)  
Feast of St. Francis Xavier (December 3)  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8)  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)  
Christmas (December 25)

## Islam

Sabe-Miraj or Lailatul Me'raj (February 18)  
Sabe Barat (March 7)  
Ramadan (March 22-April 21)  
Lailatul Qadr (April 18)  
Eid al-Fitr (April 21-22)

Day of Arafah/Haj/Waqf of Arafah (June 28)  
Eid-ul Adha (June 28-29)  
Islamic New Year (July 19-20)  
Ashura (July 27-28)  
Mawlid-al-Nabi (September 26-27)

## Hinduism

Maha Shivaratri (February 18)  
Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti (February 21)  
Holi (March 18)  
Rama Navami (March 30)  
Mahavir-Jayanti (April 4)  
Raksha Bandhan (August 30)  
Krishna Janmashtami (September 6-7)  
Navaratri (October 15-23)  
Diwali (November 12)

## Buddhism

Bodhi Day (January 10)  
Lunar New Year (January 22)  
Magha Puja Day (March 30)  
Vesak (April 8)  
Buddha Day/Visakha Puja (May 5)  
Diwali (November 12)

## Sikh

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (January 5)  
Mahavir-Jayanti (April 4)  
Vaisakhi (April 14)  
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib (June 16)  
Diwali (November 12)  
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (November 24)  
Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (November 27)

## Bahá'í

'Alá' (Loftiness) (March 2-20)  
Naw-Rúz (March 21-22)  
Ridván (April 21-May 2)  
Declaration of the Bab (May 23-24)  
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (May 29-30)  
Martyrdom of the Bab (July 9)  
Birth of the Bab (October 26-27)  
Birth of Bahá'ullah (October 27-28)  
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (November 28)

## Shinto

Gantan-sai (January 1)  
Setsubun-sai (February 3)

## Other

Kwanzaa (December 26 – Jan 1, 2024)  
Lunar New Year (January 22)