

UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
Scheduling to avoid conflicts with religious holidays: Academic year 2026-27

Please use the guidelines below to avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, community events, or activities on religious holidays that many members of our school community observe. For your convenience, we have also indicated UCLA campus holidays.

While it will be hard to avoid all conflicting dates, the Office of Inclusive Excellence asks all department chairs, program directors, faculty, and staff to be cognizant that scheduling events on dates that may prevent or limit participation by students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for creating a supportive, inclusive environment for all community members. On matters related to instruction, please see UCLA's [Alternate Examination Dates policy](#) for details on accommodation requirements and processes.

If you have already scheduled an important event on one of the dates below, be sure to allow reasonable accommodations for community members who might have commitments on those dates. Also, please bear in mind that it is not always comfortable for students, faculty, and staff to ask for accommodations, so you'll want to give them opportunities to easily make such requests.

September-December 2026

Sept. 7 (Mon.): Labor Day

Sept. 12-13 (Sat.-Sun.): Rosh Hashanah[^]

Sept. 21 (Mon.): Yom Kippur[^]

Sept. 26-Oct. 2 (Sat.-Fri.): Sukkot[^]

Oct. 3-4 (Sat.-Sun.): Simchat Torah[^]

Nov. 8 (Sun.): Diwali

Nov. 11 (Wed.): Birth of Bahá'u'lláh[^]

Nov. 11 (Wed.): Veterans Day

Nov. 26-27 (Thu.-Fri.): Thanksgiving

Dec. 5-12 (Sat.-Sat.): Chanukah[^]

Dec. 24-25 (Thu.-Fri.): Christmas

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 (Thu.-Fri.): New Year's

April-June 2027

Apr. 22-29 (Thu.-Thu.): Pesach/Passover[^]

Apr. 30 (Fri.): Orthodox Good Friday

May 2 (Sun.): Orthodox Easter

May 17 (Mon.): Eid al-Adha^{^*}

May 31 (Mon.): Memorial Day

June 11-12 (Fri.-Sat.): Shavuot[^]

June 18 (Fri.): Juneteenth (observed)

January-March 2027

Jan. 7 (Thu.): Eastern Orthodox Christmas

Jan. 18 (Mon.): Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Feb. 6 (Sat.): Lunar New Year

Feb. 8-Mar. 8 (Mon.-Mon.): Ramadan^{^*}

Feb. 10 (Wed.): Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

Feb. 15 (Mon.): Presidents' Day

Mar. 10 (Wed.): Eid al-Fitr^{^*}

Mar. 20 (Sat.): Persian New Year, Nowruz[^]

Mar. 22 (Mon.): Holi

Mar. 23 (Tue.): Purim[^]

Mar. 26 (Fri.): Farmworkers Day

Mar. 26 (Fri.): Good Friday

Mar. 28 (Sun.): Easter

July-September 2027

July 5 (Mon.): Independence Day (observed)

Sept. 6 (Mon.): Labor Day

Planning ahead: in fall 2027, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Oct. 1 and Yom Kippur at sundown on Oct. 10.

[^] Begins at sundown on the preceding day.

^{*} Islamic holiday dates are approximate and may vary by a day.

UCLA campus holidays appear in **bold**. Dates for the December 2026 winter closure will be announced by campus.

A note on the list: it reflects only some of the major religious traditions represented in our community (various Christian and Muslim traditions, along with Jewish, Hindu, Bahá'í, and other observances) and is not exhaustive. Some observances listed are regarded as minor observances; their inclusion is a planning aid, not a judgment about significance. Some also involve fasting or other food practices, worth keeping in mind when planning events with meals.