# UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

*Religious/Spiritual Observances 2025*    *(Includes some non-religious holidays)*

## JANUARY

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| 1 | New Year's Day (state holiday) |
| 1 | Solemnity of Mary (Roman Catholic) |
| 1 | Shogatsu/Gantan-sai (Shinto) |
| 2 | Last Day of Chanukah (Jewish) |
| 5 | Twelfth Night (Christian) |
| 6 | Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh) |
| 6 | Epiphany (Protestant/Orthodox Christian/Roman Catholic) |
| 6 | Dia de Los Reyes (Christian) |
| 7 | Christmas (Orthodox Christian) |
| 10 | Fast of Tevet 10 (Jewish) |
| 13 | Maghi (Sikh) |
| 14 | New Year (Orthodox Christian) |
| 20 | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (state) |
| 26-27 | Lailat al Miraj (Muslim)* |
| 29 | Lunar New Year (Confucian, Buddhist) |

## FEBRUARY

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| 1-2 | Imbolc (Wiccan/Pagan)* |
| 2 | Candlemas (Christian) |
| 3 | Setsubum-sai (Shinto) |
| 13 | 15 Shevat (Jewish)* |
| 13 | Māgha Pūjā Day (Buddhist) |
| 14 | St. Valentine's Day (Roman Catholic) |
| 15 | Parinirvana (Buddhist) |
| 17 | Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day (non-religious) |
| 25 | Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) |
| 25-28 | Ayyám-i-Há (Bahá'í)* |
| 28 | Losar/Tibetan New Year continues to March 2 (Buddhist) |

## MARCH

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| 1 | Ramadan begins (Muslim) |
| 1-19 | 19 Day Fast (Bahá'í) |
| 4 | Shrove Tuesday (Christian) |
| 5 | Ash Wednesday/Lent begins (Protestant/Catholic) |
| 13-14 | Purim (Jewish)* |
| 14 | Holi (Hindu) |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day (Roman Catholic) |
| 20-21 | Ostara/Spring Equinox (Wiccan/Pagan) |
| 19-20 | Naw Rúz (Bahá'í)* |
| 26 | Lailat al-Qadr (Muslim)* |
| 30 | Eid-al-Fitr (Muslim) |

## APRIL

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| 8 | Vesak (Buddhist) |
| 12-20 | Passover (Jewish)* |
| 13 | Palm Sunday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic |
| 14 | Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (Sikh) |
| 17 | Maundy Thursday (Protestant Christian/Roman Catholic) |
| 18 | Good Friday (Protestant & Orthodox Christian/Roman Catholic) |
| 19-20 | Riḍván begins (Bahá'í)* |
| 20 | Easter (Protestant & Eastern Orthodox Christian/Roman Catholic) |
| 23-24 | Yom HaShoah (Jewish)* |

## MAY

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| 1 | Beltane / May Day (Wiccan/Pagan) |
| 1 | 12th Day of Riḍván (Bahá'í) |
| 1 | Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Jewish)* |
| 12 | Second Passover (Jewish) |
| 16 | Lag B'Omer (Jewish) |
| 5 | Buddha Day/Visakha Puja (Buddhist) |
| 22-23 | Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)* |
| 26 | Memorial Day (state holiday) |
| 27-28 | Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)* |
| 29 | Ascension Day (Protestant & Orthodox Christian/ Roman Catholic) |

## JUNE

1-3 Shavuot (Jewish)*
6-7 Eid-al-Adha (Muslim)*
8 Pentecost (Protestant & Orthodox)
15 Trinity Sunday (Protestant Christian/ Roman Catholic)
16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom (Sikh)
19 Juneteenth Day (Interfaith)
20 Litha/Summer Solstice (Wiccan/Pagan)
25 Muharram continues to July 24 (Muslim)*

## JULY

4 Independence Day (state holiday)
8-9 Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)*
13 The Three Weeks begin (Jewish)
26 Aslha Puja (Buddhist)
24 Pioneer Day (Mormon/LDS)

## AUGUST

1 Lammas/Lughnassadh (Wiccan/Pagan)
2-3 Fast of Tish'a B'Av (Jewish)*
8 Raksha Bandhan (Hindu)
9 The 15th of Av (Jewish)
15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Roman Catholic)
15 Dormition of the Theotokos (Orthodox Christian)
16 Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)
26 Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)

## SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day (state holiday)
4-5 The Prophet's Birthday (Muslim)*
21-29 Mabon/Equinox (Wiccan/Pagan)
22-24 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)*
22 Navaratri continues to Oct. 2 (Hindu)

## OCTOBER

1-2 Yom Kippur (Jewish)*
6-13 Sukkot (Jewish)*
13 Indigenous Peoples'/Columbus Day (non-religious)

13-15 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (Jewish)*
20 Diwali/Deepavali (Hindu/Sikh)
21-22 Birth of the Báb (Baha'i)*
22-23 Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Baha'i)*
23 Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh)
31 Halloween/All Hallows Eve (Interfaith)
31 Samhain continues to Nov. 1 (Wiccan/Pagan)

## NOVEMBER

1 All Saints' Day Day (Protestant Christian/ Roman Catholic)
2 All Souls' Day (Roman Catholic)
11 Veterans Day (non-religious)
24-25 Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)*
26-27 Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Baha'i)*
27 Thanksgiving Day (state holiday)
30 Advent begins (Protestant/Catholic)

## DECEMBER

8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic)
8 Bodhi Day (Buddhist)
14-22 Hanukkah/Chanukah (Jewish)*
21 Yule/Winter Solstice (Wiccan/Pagan)
24-25 Christmas (state & religious holiday)
26 Kwanzaa continues to Jan. 1 (interfaith)
27 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
30 Fast of Tevet 10 (Jewish)
31 New Year's Eve (state holiday)

## NOTE: * Begins sundown the first evening.