

Academic Year Holidays and Religious Days of Special Observance

2015-2016 Academic Year	2016-2017 Academic Year	Holiday or Observance	Affiliation	Notes
6/17/2015 #	6/6/2016 #	Beginning of Ramadan #	Islamic	
7/12/2015 #	7/2/2016 #	Laylat al Kadr #	Islamic	
7/17/2015 #	7/6/2016 #	Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) #	Islamic	
8/24/2015	8/22/2016	Instruction Begins		
9/5/2015 *	8/25/2016 *	Janmashtami *	Hinduism	
9/7/2015	9/5/2016	Labor Day - No classes	National	University Holiday
9/13/2015 sunset to 9/15/2015 sunset *	10/2/2016 sunset to 10/4/2016 sunset *	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish	
9/22/2015 sunset to 9/23/2015 sunset *	10/11/2016 sunset to 10/12/2016 sunset *	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) *	Jewish	
9/23/2015 sunset to 9/24/2015 sunset #	9/12/2016 sunset to 9/13/2016 sunset #	Eid al-Adha #	Islamic	
9/27/2015 sunset to 10/4/2015 sunset *	10/16/2016 sunset to 10/23/2016 sunset *	Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
10/4/2015 sunset to 10/6/2015 sunset *	10/23/2016 sunset to 10/25/2016 sunset *	Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
10/22/2015 *	10/11/2016 *	Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami) *	Hinduism	
10/23/2015 sunset to 10/24/2015 sunset #	10/10/2016 sunset to 10/11/2016 sunset #	Ashura #	Islamic, Shia	
11/11/2015 *	10/30/2016 *	Diwali *	Hinduism	
11/12/2015 *	11/12/2016 *	Birth of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i	
11/26/2015	11/24/2016	Thanksgiving - No classes	National	University Holiday
11/27/2015	11/25/2016	Designated Holiday #1	University	Except for Group B**
12/11/2015	12/9/2016	Last Day of Finals		
12/06/2015 sunset to 12/14/2015 sunset	12/24/2016 sunset to 1/1/2017 sunset	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
12/22/2015 sunset to 12/23/2015 sunset #	12/11/16 sunset to 12/12/16 sunset #	Mawlid al-Nabi #	Islamic	
12/25/2015	12/25/2016	Christmas Observed	National	University Holiday

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12/26/2015 to 1/1/2016	12/26/2016 to 1/1/2017	Kwanzaa	Interfaith / African American	Commemorative - Does not require absence from work
12/31/2015	tbd	Designated Holiday #2	University	
1/1/2016	1/1/2017	New Years Day Observed	National	University Holiday
1/7/2016	1/7/2017	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Orthodox
1/11/2016	1/9/2017	Instruction Begins		
1/18/2016	1/16/2017	Martin Luther King Day	National	University Holiday
3/08/2016 *	2/24/2017 *	Maha Shivarti *	Hinduism	
3/21/2016 to 3/25/2016	3/20/2017 to 3/24/2017	Spring Break - No Classes		
3/23/2016 *	3/13/2017 *	Holi *	Hinduism	
3/23/2016 sunset to 3/25/2016 sunset	3/11/2017 sunset to 3/13/2017 sunset	Purim	Jewish	
3/25/2016	4/14/2017	Good Friday	Christian	
3/27/2016	4/16/2017	Easter	Christian	
4/22/2016 sunset to 4/24/2016 sunset *	4/10/2017 sunset to 4/12/2017 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - First Two Days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
4/28/2016 sunset to 4/30/2016 sunset *	4/16/2017 sunset to 4/18/2017 sunset *	Passover (Pesach) - Last Two Days *	Jewish	Primary Obligation Days
4/29/2016	4/14/2017	Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	
5/1/2016	4/16/2017	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
5/6/2016	5/5/2017	Last Day of Finals		
5/15/2016	5/10/2017	Visakha Puja	Buddhist	
5/16/2016	5/15/2017	Four Week Instruction Begins		
5/30/2016	5/29/2017	Memorial Day	National	University Holiday
6/10/2016	6/9/2017	Four Week Session Ends		
6/11/2016 sunset to 6/13/2016 sunset *	5/30/2017 sunset to 6/1/2017 sunset *	Shavuot *	Jewish	

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6/13/2016	6/12/2017	Eight Week Instruction Begins		
7/4/2016	7/4/2017	Independence Day Observed	National	University Holiday
7/4/2016	7/4/2017	Independence Day	National	
8/5/2016	8/4/2017	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.				