



Statement on Religious Accommodation for Students

The College of Charleston community is enriched by students of many faiths that have various religious observances, practices, and beliefs. We value student rights and freedoms, including the right of each student to adhere to individual systems of religion. The College prohibits discrimination against any student because of such student's religious belief or any absence thereof.

The College acknowledges that religious practices differ from tradition to tradition and that the demands of religious observances in some traditions may cause conflicts with student schedules. In affirming this diversity, like many other colleges and universities, the College supports the concept of "reasonable accommodation for religious observance" in regard to class attendance, and the scheduling of examinations and other academic work requirements, unless the accommodation would create an undue hardship on the College. Faculty are required, as part of their responsibility to students and the College, to ascribe to this policy and to ensure its fair and full implementation.

The accommodation request imposes responsibilities and obligations on both the individual requesting the accommodation and the College. Faculty members are expected to reasonably accommodate individual religious practices. Examples of reasonable accommodations for student absences might include: rescheduling of an exam or giving a make-up exam for the student in question; altering the time of a student's presentation; allowing extra-credit assignments to substitute for missed class work or arranging for an increased flexibility in assignment dates. Regardless of any accommodation that may be granted, students are responsible for satisfying all academic objectives, requirements and prerequisites as defined by the instructor and by the College.

**All Jewish and Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.*

***Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.*

2017 – 2018 Religious Holidays

Date	Holiday	Religion
September 1, 2017	Eid al-Adha*	Islamic
September 21, 2017	Muharram (Al Hijrah – New Year)*	Islamic
September 21-September 22, 2017	Rosh Hashanah*	Jewish
September 21-September 29, 2017	Navaratri / Dassehra	Hindu
September 30, 2017	Yom Kippur*	Jewish
October 5, 2017	Sukkoth*	Jewish
October 12, 2017	Sh'mini Atzeret*	Jewish
October 13, 2017	Simchat Torah*	Jewish
October 19, 2017	Diwali	Hindu
December 1, 2017	Maulid al-Nabi*	Islamic
January 7, 2018	Christmas (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian
February 14, 2018	Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)	Christian
February 14, 2018	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
February 19, 2018	Beginning of Lent (Clean Monday)	Orthodox Christian
March 1, 2018	Purim*	Jewish
March 2-March 3, 2018	Holi	Hindu
March 26, 2018	Ramanavami	Hindu
March 30, 2018	Good Friday	Christian
March 31-April 7, 2018	Passover*	Jewish
April 6, 2018	Good Friday (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian