



### 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 observance 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.*

### 2016 – 2017 Religious Holidays

Date	Holiday	Religion
August 25, 2016	Janmashtami	Hindu
September 11, 2016	Eid al-Adha*	Islamic
October 1-October 9, 2016	Navaratri / Dassehra	Hindu
October 2, 2016	Muharram (Al Hijrah - New Year)	Islamic
October 3-October 4, 2016	Rosh Hashanah *	Jewish
October 12, 2016	Yom Kippur *	Jewish
October 17, 2016	Sukkoth *	Jewish
October 24, 2016	Sh’mini Atzeret *	Jewish
October 25, 2016	Simchat Torah *	Jewish
December 11, 2016	Maulid al-Nabi	Islamic
January 7, 2017	Christmas (Orthodox) **	Orthodox Christian
February 25, 2017	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
February 27, 2017	Beginning of Lent (Clean Monday) **	Orthodox Christian
March 1, 2017	Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)	Christian
March 12, 2017	Purim *	Jewish
March 13-14, 2017	Holi	Hindu
April 5, 2017	Ramanavami	Hindu
April 11-April 18, 2017	Passover *	Jewish
April 14, 2017	Good Friday**	Christian & Orthodox Christian