

# Non-exhaustive List of Religious Holidays/Holy Days (2024)

**House Bill 353** of the **134th General Assembly** directed the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) to develop a non-exhaustive list of major religious holidays or festivals for the next two academic years at the beginning of each academic year. Each state institution of higher education may adopt ODHE's list in its entirety, or choose instead which holidays to include on its list. As required by the statute, the list of major religious holidays and festivals included herein is non-exhaustive and is not intended to purposefully exclude any religious holidays or festivals. This list is meant to serve solely as a resource for state institutions of higher education to utilize, at their discretion, in adopting a list on their websites.

## Judaism

Tu B'Shvat  
Purim  
Yom HaShoah  
Lag B'Omer  
Pesach (Passover)  
Yom HaSho'ah  
Yom Ha'Azmaut  
Shavuot  
Tisha B'Av  
Rosh Hashanah  
Yom Kippur  
Sukkot  
Shemini  
Simchat Torah  
Hanukkah

## Christianity

Feast of Mary Mother of God  
Christmas – Eastern Orthodox  
Epiphany  
Ash Wednesday  
Lent  
Orthodox Lent  
Feast of the Annunciation  
Palm Sunday  
Holy Thursday  
Good Friday  
Easter  
Pascha/Easter (Eastern Orthodox)  
Feast of the Ascension  
Pentecost  
Trinity Sunday  
Corpus Christi Sunday  
Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Feast of Saints Peter and Paul  
Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola  
Feast of the Assumption of Mary  
All Saints Day  
All Souls Day  
Dia de los Muertos  
Feast of Christ the King  
Advent Season  
Feast of St. Francis Xavier  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Christmas

## Islam

Sabe-Miraj or Lailatul Me'raj  
Sabe Barat  
Ramadan  
Lailatul Qadr  
Eid al-Fitr

Day of Arafa/Haj/Waqf of Arafa  
Eid-ul Adha  
Islamic New Year  
Ashura  
Mawlid-al-Nabi

## Hinduism

Maha Shivaratri  
Shri Ramakrishna Jayanti  
Holi  
Rama Navami  
Mahavir-Jayanti  
Raksha Bandhan  
Krishna Janmashtami  
Navaratri  
Diwali

## Buddhism

Bodhi Day  
Lunar New Year  
Magha Puja Day  
Vesak  
Buddha Day/Visakha Puja  
Diwali

## Sikh

Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib  
Mahavir-Jayanti  
Vaisakhi  
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib  
Diwali  
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib  
Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib

## Bahá'í

'Alá' (Loftiness)  
Naw-Rúz  
Ridván  
Declaration of the Bab  
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh  
Martyrdom of the Bab  
Birth of the Bab  
Birth of Bahá'ullah  
Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

## Shinto

Gantan-sai  
Setsubum-sai

## Other

Kwanzaa  
Lunar New Year