

Dates of the most significant religious festivals in the UK for 2019 and their impact on University work and learning activities

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2019

JANUARY

5th January	Sikh	AMBER	Guru Gobind Singh's birthday (Nanakshahi calendar)
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APRIL

14th April	Sikh	AMBER	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi
19th April	Christian	RED	Good Friday
20th & 21st April	Jewish	RED*	Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (first 2 days of the festival)
21st April	Christian	RED	Easter Sunday
26th & 27th	Jewish	AMBER	Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (final 2 days of the festival)

MAY

6th May	Islamic	AMBER	Ramadan month begins
18th May	Buddhist	AMBER	Wesak (Buddha Day)

JUNE

4th June	Islamic	RED	Eid-ul-Fitr
9th -10th June	Jewish	AMBER*	Shavuot (Pentecost Festival of weeks)
16th June	Sikh	AMBER	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Nanashahi calendar)

AUGUST

14th -15th August	Islam	RED	Eid-ul-Adha
23rd August	Hindu	AMBER	Krishna Janmashtami

SEPTEMBER

10th September	Islam	AMBER	Ashura
30th Sep - 1st Oct	Jewish	RED*	Rosh hashanah

OCTOBER

1st October	Jewish	RED*	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
9th October	Jewish	RED*	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
14th -15th October	Jewish	RED	Sukkot (Tabernacles)
21st October	Jewish	AMBER*	Shemini Atzeret
22nd October	Jewish	AMBER*	Simchat Torah
27th October	Hindu	AMBER	Diwali (Divali, Deepavali)

NOVEMBER

10th November	Islamic	AMBER	Milad un-Nabi
12th November	Sikh	AMBER	Birthday of Guru Nanak (Lunar calendar)
24th November	Sikh	AMBER	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar (Nanakshahi calendar)

DECEMBER

25th December	Christian	RED	Christmas Day
Saturday every week*	Jewish	AMBER	Shabbat (Sabbath)

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10th April	Christian	RED	Good Friday
12th April	Christian	RED	Easter Sunday
14th April	Sikh	AMBER	Vaisakhi/Baisakhi
15th - 16th April	Jewish	AMBER	Pesach (Passover) (Jewish) (final 2 days of the festival)
24th April	Islamic	AMBER	Ramadan month begins

MAY

7th May	Buddhist	AMBER	Wesak (Buddha Day)
24th May	Islamic	RED	Eid-ul-Fitr
29th - 30th May	Jewish	AMBER*	Shavuot (Pentecost Festival of weeks)

JUNE

16th June	Sikh	AMBER	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Nanashahi calendar)
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AUGUST

2nd - 3rd August	Islam	RED	Eid-ul-Adha
12th August	Hindu	AMBER	Krishna Janmashtami

SEPTEMBER

19th - 20th September	Jewish	RED*	Rosh hashanah
28th September	Jewish	RED*	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
	Islam	AMBER	Ashura

OCTOBER

3rd - 4th October	Jewish	RED	Sukkot (Tabernacles)
10th October	Jewish	AMBER*	Shemini Atzeret
11th October	Jewish	AMBER*	Simchat Torah
29th October	Islamic	AMBER	Milad un-Nabi

NOVEMBER

14th November	Hindu	AMBER	Diwali (Divali, Deepavali)
24th November	Sikh	AMBER	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar (Nanakshahi calendar)
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2021			
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MARCH			
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APRIL			
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JULY			
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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

26th September	Jewish	RED*	Rosh hashanah
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