



## UC HASTINGS LAW

Associate Academic Dean and Professor of Law

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TO: All Faculty & Staff

FROM: Jeffrey A. Lefstin, Associate Academic Dean

RE: Religious Holidays & Event Planning for 2016-17

It is the policy of UC Hastings to respect the religious beliefs of all members of our community. Please comply with this policy, including by doing the following:

- Event Scheduling – If you are planning events, please keep these dates in mind as you select dates for these events.
- Classes – Faculty should accommodate students who may be absent from class due to religious observances.

Below please find a list of dates of major religious holidays that occur while classes may be in session in the 2016-2017 academic year.

### **Eid-al-Adha\* (Islamic)**

Begins at sunset on Sunday, September 11, 2016

Monday, September 12, 2016

### **Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)**

Begins at sunset on Sunday, October 2, 2016

Monday, October 3, 2016 & Tuesday, October 4, 2016

### **Yom Kippur (Jewish)**

Begins at sunset on Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

**Diwali (Hindu)** – Sunday, October 30, 2016

**Lunar New Year** – Saturday, January 28, 2017

**Ash Wednesday (Christian)** – Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**Passover (Jewish)**

Begins at sunset on Monday, April 10, 2017

First two days (most observed) – Tuesday, April 11 & Wednesday, April 12, 2017

(please ensure there are unleavened (matzah) options if providing food at an event any time during Passover, which ends on Saturday, April 18, 2017.)

**Good Friday (Christian)** – Friday, April 14, 2017

**Easter Sunday (Christian)** – April 16, 2017

**Ramadan\* (Islamic)**

Begins at sunset on Friday, May 26, 2017

First day of Fast, Saturday, May 27, 2017

**Eid-al-Fitr\* (Islamic)**

Begins at sunset on Saturday, June 24, 2017 (based on sightability of the moon in North America)

Sunday, June 25, 2017

\*Dates of Islamic holidays are approximate because they are based on estimates of the sighting of the moon in North America.

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If there are other major religious holidays that occur during the periods when classes are scheduled and that you believe should be noted on the religious holiday memo, please let me know, and I will include them on the next list.

Thank you for respecting the religious beliefs of all members of our community.