

## MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Department Chairs, and Directors  
From: Albert Mosley, University Chaplain  
Date: July 2009  
Re: Religious Holy Days (*Revised 7/28/09*)

As the 2009-2010 academic year draws near, I would like to bring to your attention some of the major religious holidays that will impact many of our students, faculty, and staff. **Please note that this is not an exhaustive list for every religious tradition.** Such a list can be found on the Campus Ministries web site at [www.jhu.edu/chaplain](http://www.jhu.edu/chaplain). The holidays listed below are those that will not only affect many of our students at some point in the academic year, but could present a clear conflict with academic demands. I am only including observances that occur when classes are in session.

In general, food or work restrictions, as well as special worship obligations may affect the ability of our students, faculty and staff to participate in university events that take place on their respective religious holy day. Please keep in mind that some holy days require additional time for preparation or travel before and after the actual observance. I am asking that you be responsive to requests from students who need to make advance special arrangements with you to make up work missed because of a holy observance. If you have any questions regarding a particular case, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-261-1880 or [amosley5@jhu.edu](mailto:amosley5@jhu.edu).

Thank you for your sensitivity to this matter.

Ramadan (Muslim)	Sunset August 22 <sup>nd</sup> through September 21 <sup>st</sup> (Students may need to bring a small dinner to evening classes)
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)	Sunset September 18 <sup>th</sup> through September 20 <sup>th</sup>
Eid al Fitr (Muslim)	September 21 <sup>st</sup>
Yom Kippur (Jewish)	Sunset September 27 <sup>th</sup> through September 28 <sup>th</sup>
Sukkot (Jewish)	Sunset October 2 <sup>nd</sup> through October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Eid al Adha (Muslim)	November 27 <sup>th</sup>
Ash Wednesday (Christian)	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Month of Fasting (Baha'i)	Sunrise to sunset March 2 <sup>nd</sup> through March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Passover (Jewish)	Sunset March 29 <sup>th</sup> through April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday (Christian)	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Easter (Christian)	April 4 <sup>th</sup>