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Hindu Holidays and Observances

Diwali — Festival of Lights is a major holiday that is also celebrated by Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs. It extends over 5 days and celebrates the victory of good over evil. Some Jains may choose to fast for the two days of Divali.

Avoid scheduling major academic deadlines on this day. Individuals may require time away from campus for travel and observance.

Dussera — This is the important tenth day of Navratri.

Ganesha Chaturthi — celebration the birth of Ganesha, son of Shiva. Festival may last 10 days, or may be celebrated at home.

Holi — Festival of Colors. The celebration of spring.

Krishna Janmashtami -- A two day festival celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna.

Avoid scheduling major academic deadlines on this day.

Maha Shivratri — Honor Lord Shiva. The celebration involves all-night worship the night before, fasting on the day, prayer and vigil.

Navratri — Nine Nights. The celebration and festival last for nine nights and ten days.

Individuals may require time away from campus for travel and observance.

Raksha Bandhan — The Bond of Protection. It celebrates brotherhood and love.
