

Below is the November Religious/Ethnic Holiday calendar.

As a reminder, CUNY's policy on religious accommodation allows students to request and be granted academic and attendance accommodations based on religious belief. A link to the policy is posted here: [VI. Religious Accommodations – The City University of New York \(cuny.edu\)](#)

VI. Religious Accommodations

A. Requests for Accommodations

1. *Students requesting a religious accommodation should contact the Office for Student Affairs at the College or unit in which they are enrolled. The Chief Student Affairs Officer, or a designee, and the student will engage in an interactive process with the goal of finding an acceptable accommodation.*
2. *Consistent with New York State Education Law § 224-a, students who are absent from school because of a religious belief will be given the equivalent opportunity, without any additional fee charged, to register for classes or make up any examination, study or work requirements missed because of such absence on any particular day or days.*

As a frame of reference for anticipating student requests for religious accommodations, CUNY's Interfaith Council has developed the following "Religious & Ethnic Holidays Calendar," which serves as a helpful resource

<https://www.cuny.edu/current-students/student-affairs/religious-ethnic-holiday-calendar/>.

Religious Group	Holiday	Description	Obligation s/restrictio ns affiliated with the holidays	Dates	Traditions or Practices
Christian	All Saints Day	Is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints of the Church.	N/A	11/1	a feast day observing the lives of the many saints for whom there is no specific feast day during the year.
Christian	All Souls Day	Commemoration of all faithful Christians who are now dead. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as Dia de	N/A	11/2	Individuals remember all friends and

		los Muertos between October 31 and November 2nd, and is an occasion to remember dead ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.			relatives that have passed away. They often attend services or make visits to gravesites. Dia de los Muertos traditions include building private alters (ofrendas) containing favorite foods and beverages, photos, and other memorabilia to encourage visits by the souls.
United States	Election Day	A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.	N/A	11/2	N/A
Sikh	Guru Nanak Dev's Birthday	The day that Sikhs celebrate the birth of the 1st Guru of Sikhism	N/A	11/8	Individuals often begin with an early morning procession known as "Prabhat Pheri". They chant and sing hymns throughout the day and engage in a prayer known as "Rehrasi" at sunset.
Judaism	Kristallnacht	"Night of Broken Glass", Kristallnacht refers to the wave of Anti-Jewish pogroms that took place on November 9th and 10th 1938 throughout Germany, and annexed territories in Austria and the Czechoslovakia	N/A	11/9 - 11/10	Kristallnacht is a commemoration rather than a holiday. Individuals often engage in programming with their congregation or at educational or community institutions.
United States	Veterans Day	Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the	N/A	11/11	Is often celebrated with services and parades around the United States.

		United States Armed Forces.			
Hindu/Jain/Sikh	Diwali	Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights. It symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.	N/A	11/12	During Diwali, people wear their finest clothes, illuminate the interior and exterior of their homes with saaki (earthen lamps), diyas and rangoli, perform worship ceremonies of Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and wealth, light fireworks, and partake in family feasts, where sweets and gifts are shared.
United States	Thanksgiving	Following a 19th-century tradition, it commemorates the Pilgrims harvest feast in the autumn of 1621. It is considered by some to be a national day of mourning, in recognition of the conquest of Native Americans by colonists.	N/A	11/23	Family and friends gather for a meal and other celebrations on Thanksgiving. Parades and football games also have long associations with Thanksgiving
Sikh	Martyrdom of Guru Bahadur	Martyrdom of Guru Bahadur is observed as Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day. He is remembered for giving up his life to protect the freedom of the oppressed to practice their religion.	N/A	11/24	Every year on the Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur, Sikh places of worship reverberate with the sounds of chanting of the composition called Bachittar Natak, which recounts his life and was recorded by his son, Guru Gobind Singh.
Bahai	Day of the Covenant	Day of the Covenant is a festival observed to	N/A	11/25	Bahai celebrate the unity of their faith, and

		commemorate Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of His son, Abdu'l-Baha, as his successor.			the unity of all faiths. They recognize the covenant that exists between God and humanity, common to and linking every faith.
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