**Year Planner**

**2018/19**

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**University closed**

(Closes at 12.30pm on 18 April)

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**2018-19 Session**

26 September 2018 - 21 June 2019

**Term 1: 1 October - 14 December**
Semester 1 teaching starts 1 Oct, ends 14 Dec

**Term 2: 14 January - 29 March**
Semester 2 teaching starts 28 Jan, ends 10 May

**Term 3: 29 April - 21 June**

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**2019-20 Session**

25 Sept 2019 - 19 June 2020

**Term 1: 30 September - 13 December**
Semester 1 teaching starts 30 Sept, ends 13 Dec

**Term 2: 13 January - 27 March**
Semester 2 teaching starts 27 Jan, ends 8 May

**Term 3: 27 April - 19 June**

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The Equality Policy Unit and Leeds University Union have identified a selection of key holy days and festivals during which some staff and students may wish not to participate in University activities. Some festivals are linked to the lunar cycle and may be subject to change of date. Different traditions may use alternative dates from those shown here.

**Baha’i**
- 20 October: Birth of the Báb
- 12 November: Birth of Bahá’u’lláh
- 26 February - 1 March: Intercalary Days
- 2-20 March: The Nineteen Day Fast
- 21 March: Naw Rúz (New Year)
- 21 April: First day of Ridván
- 29 April: Ninth day of Ridván
- 2 May: Twelfth day of Ridván
- 24 May: Declaration of the Báb
- 29 May: Ascension of the Bahá’u’lláh
- 10 July: Martyrdom of the Báb

**Buddhism**
- 21 January: Mahayana New Year
- 5 February: Chinese New Year
- 8 February: Nirvana Day
- 21 March: Magha Puja Day
- 19 April: Theravadin New Year
- 18 May: Visakha Puja/Buddha Day
- 17 July: Asalha Puja/Dharma Day

**Christianity**
- 25 December: Christmas Day
- 19 April: Good Friday
- 21 April: Easter Day

**Hinduism**
- 12-23 September: Ganesha Chaturthi
- 9-18 October: Navaratri
- 7 November: Diwali
- 10 February: Basant Panchami - Saraswati Puja
- 4 March: Maha Shivratri
- 20-21 March: Holi
- 14 April: Rama Navami
- 19 April: Hanuman Jayanti
- 4 July: Rath Yatra
- 15 August: Raksha Bandhan
- 23 August: Krishna Janmashtami

**Islam**
- 11-12 September: Al-Hijra - Islamic New Year
- 20-21 September: Ashura
- 21 November: Mawlid an Nabi
- 5 May - 4 June: Ramadan
- 4-5 June: Eid-al-Fitr
- 11-15 August: Eid al-Adha

**Judaism**
- 10-11 September: Rosh Hashanah
- 19 September: Yom Kippur
- 23-30 September: Sukkot
- 30 September - 2 October: Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah
- 3-10 December: Hanukkah/Chanukah
- 21 March: Purim
- 19-27 April: Pesach (Passover)
- 1-2 May: Yom HaShoah
- 8-10 June: Shavuot

**Sikhism**
- 17 July: Asalha Puja/Dharma Day
- 20 October: Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth
- 7 November: Diwali
- 23 November: Birthday of Guru Nanak
- 24 November: Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Gahdur
- 5 January: Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
- 21 March: Hola Mohalla
- 14 April: Baisakhi/Vaisakhi
- 16 June: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev

Further information (including guidance on responding to requests from staff and students for flexibility on grounds of religion or belief) is available from the Equality Policy Unit.