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YORKVILLE UNIVERSITY - DIVERSITY CALENDAR - 2021

Note: This calendar includes a representation of days of significance/holidays from a diversity and inclusion perspective and is not exhaustive. These dates may vary from the indicated date, dependent on religious calendars (lunar, solar, etc.), government declarations, time zones, traditions, source website updates or date reporting conflicts between websites, etc. Some days of significance/holidays may also start at sunset the day before the date indicated. This calendar is a resource tool to help plan for educational events and other activities. For individual human rights-related accommodations/requests for time off please contact your manager (if you are faculty/staff) or the Student Success Centre's academic accommodation and accessibility specialists (if you are a student).

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JANUARY 2021

• Tamil Heritage Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends Solar New Year/Temple Day (Buddhism) Gantan-Sai New Year (Shinto)	2
3	4 World Braille Day	5 Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikhism)	6 Epiphany (Christianity)	7 Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christianity)	8	9
10	11	12	13 Maghi (Sikhism) Lohri (Hinduism)	14 New Year (Orthodox Christianity) Makar Sakranti (Hinduism) Thai Pongal (January 14-17) (Hinduism)	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Tu BiShvat begins at sundown (Judaism)	28 Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)	29	30
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FEBRUARY 2021

• Black History Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Imbolc-Lughnassad begins at sundown (Wicca/Pagan)	2	3 Setsubun-Sai (Buddhism, Shinto)	4	5	6
7	8 Nirvana Day (Buddhism) (also commemorated on February 15th in other traditions)	9	10	11	12 Lunar New Year (Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism)	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Family Day Nirvana Day (Buddhism, Jainism)	16 Shrove Tuesday (Christianity) Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)	17 Ash Wednesday/Lent begins (Christianity)	18	19	20
21 International Mother Language Day	22 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	23	24 National Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying)	25 Ayyam-i-Ha/Intercalary Days begin (Baha'i) Purim begins at sundown (Judaism)	26	27
28 Ayyam-i-Ha/Intercalary Days end (Baha'i)						

MARCH 2021



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Nineteen Day Fast begins (Baha'i)	2 Black Mental Health Day (City of Toronto)	3	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10 Lailat-al-Miraj begins at sundown (Islam)	11 Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)	12	13
14 Sikh New Year (Sikhism)	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 International Francophonie Day/B.C. Francophonie Day Spring Equinox / Ostara-Mabon (Wicca/Pagan) Nineteen Day Fast ends (Baha'i) Naw-Ruz begins at sundown (Baha'i)
21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination World Down Syndrome Day Feast of Orthodoxy (Orthodox Christianity) Naw-Ruz (FC) (Zoroastrianism)	22	23	24	25	26 Khordad Sal (FC) Zoroastrianism)	27 Passover begins at sundown (Judaism)
28 Palm Sunday (Christianity) Holi (Hinduism) Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)	29 Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)	30	31			

APRIL 2021

• Sikh Heritage Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 World Autism Awareness Day Good Friday (Christianity)	3
4 Easter Sunday (Christianity) Passover ends (Judaism)	5 Easter Monday (Christianity) (NB)	6	7 World Health Day	8 Yom HaShoah begins at sundown (Judaism) Farvardegan (FC) (Zoroastrianism)	9	10
11	12 Ramadan begins at sundown (Islam) New Year/Vasant Navratri begins (hinduism)	13 Theravada New Year (Buddhism) Vaisakhi/Baisakhi (Hinduism)	14 International Day of Pink (anti-bullying) Vaisakhi (Sikhism)	15	16	17
18	19 First Day of Ridvan begins at sundown (Baha'i)	20	21 Rama Navami (Hinduism)	22	23 Zarthost-no-Diso (QC) (Zoroastrianism)	24
25 Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christianity) Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)	26	27 Ninth Day of Ridvan begins at sundown (baha'i)	28 National Day of Mourning/ Workers' Mourning Day Administrative Professionals Day	29 Lag B'Omer begins at sundown (Judaism)	30 Holy Friday (Orthodox Christianity) Twelfth Day of Ridvan begins at sundown (Baha'i)	

MAY 2021

- Asian Heritage Month
- Jewish Heritage Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
- Speech and Hearing Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Beltane (Wicca/Pagan)
2 Easter (Orthodox Christianity)	3	4	5	6	7 Jumatul Widha (Islam) Laylat-al-Qadr begins at sundown (Islam)	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12 Ramadan ends/Eid al-Fitr begins at sundown (Islam)	13	14	15
16 Shavuot begins at sundown (May 16-18) (Judaism)	17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	18	19	20	21	22 Declaration of the Bab begins at sundown (Baha'i)
23 Pentacost (Christianity) Zarthost-no-Diso (SC) (Zoroastrianism)	24 Victoria Day	25	26 Wesak/Buddha Day (Buddhism)	27	28 Ascension of Baha'u'llah begins at sundown (Baha'i)	29
30 National AccessAbility Week (May 30-June 5)	31					

JUNE 2021

- National Indigenous History Month
- LGBTIQ2S+ Pride Month
- Italian Heritage Month
- Portuguese Heritage Month
- Filipino Heritage Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikhism)	17	18	19
20 Pentecost (Orthodox Christianity) Summer Solstice/Litha (may be observed June 19-23) (Wicca/Pagan) Father's Day	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day (Indigenous World view)	22	23	24 Poson (Buddhism)	25	26
27 Canadian Multiculturalism Day Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day All Saints Day (Orthodox Christianity)	28	29	30			

JULY 2021



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Canada Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Martyrdom of the Bab begins at sundown (Baha'i)	9 Jalsa Salana (July 9-11) (Islam)	10
11 Imamat Day (Islam)	12	13	14	15	16	17 Tisha B'Av starts at sundown (Judaism) Naw-Ruz (QC) (Zoroastrianism)
18 Waqf-al-Arafa (Hajj) begins at sundown (Islam)	19 Eid al-Adha begins at sundown (Islam)	20 Special Olympics Global Day of Inclusion	21	22 Khordad Sal (QC) (Zoroastrianism)	23 Guru Purnima (Hinduism, Jainism)	24 International Self-Care Day Asalha Puja Day/Dharma Day (Buddhism)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2021

• Emancipation Month (Toronto)



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Lughnassad/Lammas (Wicca/Pagan) Emancipation Day (Toronto, Vancouver)	2 Civic Day/ British Columbia Day New Brunswick Day Simcoe Day (Ontario)	3	4 Farvardegan (QC) (Zoroastrianism)	5	6	7
8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People Al Hijra (New Year) begins at sundown (Islam)	10	11	12 International Youth Day	13 Obon Festival (August 13-15) (Buddhism, Shinto)	14
15 National Acadian Day	16 Naw-Ruz (SC) (Zoroastrianism)	17 Ashura begins at sundown (Islam)	18	19	20	21 Khordad Sal (SC) (Zoroastrianism) Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)
22	23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	24	25	26	27	28
29 Sri Krishna Janmaashtami (Hinduism)	30	31 International Overdose Awareness Day				

SEPTEMBER 2021



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Installation of Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism)	2 Paryushan Parva begins (Jainism)	3 Farvardegan (SC) (Zoroastrianism)	4
5	6 Labour Day Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown (September 6-8) (Judaism)	7	8	9 Samvatsari/Paryushan Parva ends/Daslakshan Parva begins (Jainism)	10 World Suicide Prevention Day Ganesh/Vinayak Chauth (Hinduism)	11
12	13	14	15 Yom Kippur begins at sundown (Judaism)	16	17	18 Kshnavani/Daslakshan Parva ends (Jainism) Anant Chaturdashi (Jainism)
19 Powley Day (Indigenous Worldview) Anant Chaturdashi (Hinduism)	20 Sukkot begins at sundown (September 20-27) (Judaism)	21 Mid Autumn Festival International Day of Peace	22 Autumn Equinox/Harvestide/Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)	23 International Day of Sign Languages	24	25 Franco-Ontarian Day
26	27 Arbaeen begins at sundown (Islam) Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah begins at sundown (September 27-29) (Judaism)	28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day (Residential Schools awareness) (Indigenous Worldview)		



OCTOBER 2021

- Women's History Month
- Latin American Heritage Month
- Islamic Heritage Month
- Autism Awareness Month

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 National Seniors Day	2
3 Mental Illness Awareness Week (October 3-9)	4 Sisters in Spirit (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls)	5	6 Sharad Navratri begins (October 6-14) (Hinduism)	7	8	9
10 World Mental Health Day	11 Thanksgiving	12	13 Durgaashtami (Hinduism)	14 Vijaya Dashmi/Dassehra (Hinduism)	15	16
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	18 Persons Day Milad-un-Nabi begins at sundown (Islam)	19	20 Installation of Guru Granth as Guru (Sikhism)	21	22	23 Karva Chauth (October 23-24) (Hinduism)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween Samhain begins at sundown (Wicca/Pagan)						

NOVEMBER 2021

• Hindu Heritage Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Treaties Recognition Week (November 1-5) (Ontario) All Saints Day (Christianity)	2 Día de los Muertos/ Day of the Dead	3	4 Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikhism) Diwali (Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism)	5 Veterans Week (November 5-11)	6 Birth of the Bab (Baha'i) Birth of Baha'u'llah begins at sundown (Baha'i)
7 International Inuit Day	8 National Indigenous Veterans Day Gyan Panchami (Jainism)	9	10	11 Remembrance Day (NB, BC)	12	13
14	15	16 Louis Riel Day (Indigenous Worldview)	17	18	19 Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
21	22	23	24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikhism)	25 Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)	26	27 Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha begins at sundown (Baha'i)
28 First day of Advent (Christianity) Hanukkah begins at sundown (Judaism)	29	30				

DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 World AIDS Day	2	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4
5	6 Hanukkah ends (Judaism) National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	7	8 Bodhi Day (Buddhism)	9	10 International Human Rights Day	11
12	13 Birthday of Imam Aga Khan (Islam)	14	15	16	17	18 International Migrants Day
19	20	21 Yule/Winter Solstice (Wicca/Pagan)	22	23	24 Christmas Eve (Christianity)	25 Christmas (Christianity)
26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa (December 26-January 1, 2022) Zarthost-no-Diso (FC) (Zoroastrianism)	27	28	29	30	31	





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