POLICY ON SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

1. The University recognizes/observes the following secular holidays:
   Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and the
day after, Labor Day, and New Year’s Day.

2. The University also recognizes that there are several religious holidays
   that affect large numbers of University community members, including
Christmas, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover,
and Good Friday. In consideration of their significance for many students,
no examinations may be given and no assigned work may be required
on these days. Students who observe these holidays will be given an
opportunity to make up missed work in both laboratories and lecture
courses. If an examination is given on the first class day after one of
these holidays, it must not cover material introduced in class on that
holiday.

Faculty should realize that Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the
evening before the published date of the holiday. Late afternoon exams
should be avoided on these days. Also, no examinations may be held on
Saturdays or Sundays in the undergraduate schools unless they are also
available on other days. Nor should seminars or other regular classes
be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays unless they are also available at
other times.

3. The University recognizes that there are other holidays, both religious
   and secular, which are of importance to some individuals and groups
on campus. Such occasions include, but are not limited to, Sukkot,
the last two days of Passover, Shavuot, Shemini Atzerat and Simchat
Torah, Chinese New Year, the Muslim New Year, Diwali, Navaratri, Rama
Navami, Paryushan, and the Islamic holidays Eid Al-Fitr and Eid Al-
Adha. Students who wish to observe such holidays must inform their
instructors within the first two weeks of each semester of their intent to
observe the holiday even when the exact date of the holiday will not be
known until later so that alternative arrangements convenient to both
students and faculty can be made at the earliest opportunity. Students
who make such arrangements will not be required to attend classes or
take examinations on the designated days, and faculty must provide
reasonable opportunities for such students to make up missed work and
examinations. For this reason it is desirable that faculty inform students
of all examination dates at the start of each semester. Exceptions to the
requirement of a make-up examination must be approved in advance by
the undergraduate dean of the school in which the course is offered.

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