


To: The Purdue University Community

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Subject: Religious, Ethnic, and Civic Observances

Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The University believes that intellectual and cultural diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

I urge you to be sensitive to the fact that the scheduling of examinations, class assignments, meetings, and other significant events on certain holidays or days of religious observance may place some members of the University Community in a very difficult situation. Your cooperation in helping members of the Purdue Community observe their religious traditions is appreciated. Students requesting special consideration in scheduling will be expected to make their needs known to their course instructors in advance and be flexible in arranging alternative times to complete any assignments they might miss. A list of many religious and civic observances is available at <https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/calendar-observances>.

Thank you for your contribution to Purdue's commitment to inclusivity.