Upcoming Religious Holidays, Spring 2024

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

This is a reminder concerning upcoming religious holidays in March and April. By acknowledging and understanding the importance of Good Friday, March 29, Easter and Easter Monday, March 31 and April 1, Eid al-Fitr, April 9-10, and Passover, which begins at sundown on Monday, April 22, and ends at sundown on Tuesday, April 30, to those who observe them, we demonstrate respect for diverse religious and cultural traditions.

Thank you for being mindful of university policy regarding religious holidays/events as you communicate with students, faculty, and staff during these holidays.

The University of Maine recognizes that when students are observing significant religious holidays, some may be unable to attend classes or labs, study, take tests, or work on other assignments. If they provide adequate notice (at least one week and longer if at all possible), these students are allowed to make up course requirements as long as this effort does not create an unreasonable burden upon the instructor, department or University. At the discretion of the instructor, such coursework could be due before or after the examination or assignment. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result in a student’s grade for the examination, study, or course requirement on the day of religious observance. The student shall not be marked absent from the class due to observing a significant religious holiday. In the case of an internship or clinical, students should refer to the applicable policy in place by the employer or site.

Sincerely,

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