Kettering University
Office of the Provost

Statement Regarding Religious Holidays & Academic Conflicts

As a secular institution, Kettering does not observe religious holidays. We do, however, respect the beliefs and observances of all members of our community. We expect faculty to make reasonable efforts to accommodate students when their religious observances conflict with academic requirements. Students who expect to miss classes, exams, or other assignments as a result of their religious observances must provide faculty with notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent. Notice should be given to faculty within the first week of each term. Students who are absent on examination days or assignment deadlines shall be offered an opportunity to make up that work, without penalty, unless faculty can demonstrate that such an opportunity interferes unreasonably with the delivery of the course. Should disagreements arise over this policy, department heads are charged with resolution. Faculty and students may appeal to the Provost’s Office as a last resort.

We urge all members of the Kettering community to consult the following Religious Holidays calendar whenever planning academic or co-curricular events and activities.

2012 Holidays

Ramadan**  July 20-August 18
Id al-Fitr**  August 19
Paryushan**  September 13-19
Rosh Hashanah*  September 16-18
Yom Kippur*  September 25-26
Sukkot*  September 30-October 2
Shemini Atzeret*  October 7-9
Id al-Adha**  October 26
Diwali**  November 13-17
Christmas  December 25

2013 Holidays

Feast of the Epiphany  January 6
Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Julian Calendar)  January 7
Sankranti  January 14
Chinese New Year & Tet  February 10
Ash Wednesday  February 13
Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent  March 18
Passover (Pesach)*  March 25-April 2
Good Friday  March 29
Easter  March 31
Baisakhi  April 14
Eastern Orthodox Good Friday  May 3
Ascension Day  May 9
Shavuot*  May 14-16
Eastern Orthodox Ascension Day  June 13

*Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed.

**These holidays are calculated on a lunar calendar and are approximate.