HOLIDAYS

The varied religious and cultural backgrounds of USM faculty, staff and students serve to enrich and strengthen our community. Any event scheduled on a major religious or cultural holiday can send a message of insensitivity or exclusivity to staff and students who cannot participate that day due to their religious beliefs or practices. Faculty members should avoid scheduling important meetings, exams, or other essential events on such dates whenever possible and accommodate the observance of religious traditions for colleagues and students who need to be absent for religious holidays throughout the year. For a list of holidays recognized by the University of Maine System, please visit http://umsweb2013lb.its.maine.edu/about-the-system/system-office/human-resources/holiday-schedule/