

1 **Holidays**

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5 **Introduction**

6 Regular non-temporary faculty, staff and post docs are entitled to eleven paid holidays each
7 calendar year consisting of nine scheduled university holidays and two personal holidays. Personal
8 holidays are included in the employee's monthly vacation accrual.

9 **Policy Statement**

10 The nine scheduled holidays established in the official university calendar, as defined from Iowa
11 Code Section 1C.2, include:

- 12 1. New Year's Day (January 1)
- 13 2. Martin Luther King Day (third Monday in January)
- 14 3. Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
- 15 4. Independence Day (July 4)
- 16 5. Labor Day (first Monday in September)
- 17 6. Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
- 18 7. Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- 19 8. Christmas Day (December 25)
- 20 9. One additional day each year as determined by the university administration

21 When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the Friday preceding will be declared the holiday. When any
22 holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be declared a holiday.

23 Persons employed less than full time earn pro-rated holidays based on their fractional appointment.

24 If an employee is on leave without pay for the work days preceding and following a holiday, the
25 employee will not be paid for the holiday. If on leave without pay for only the working day preceding
26 or following a holiday, the employee will be paid for the holiday.

27 **Veterans**

28 University employees who are veterans (as defined in Iowa Code Section 91A.5A) may request
29 unpaid time off on Veterans Day by following their normal procedures to request time off a month or
30 more in advance. They may be asked to verify their veteran's status if there is any question. Those
31 who accrue vacation may utilize accrued time to remain in paid status (utilizing one of the
32 unscheduled holidays incorporated into vacation accrual). The university will continue to operate on
33 Veteran's Day.

34 **Resources**

35 **Links**

- 36 • [Staffing Guidance for University Breaks](#)
- 37 • [Staffing Guidance for University Breaks Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- 38 • [Regents Policy Manual, 2.1.2F Holidays](#)

- 39 • [Employee Management](#)
- 40 • [Iowa Code 1C.1 Legal Public Holidays and 1C.2 Paid Holidays](#)
- 41 • [Payroll Office](#)
- 42 • [Religious Accommodation](#)
- 43 • [Holiday Time Off – Veterans Day \(Iowa Code 91A.5A\)](#)
- 44 • [Merit Employee Changes](#)

45 **Files**

- 46 • [Holidays \[Policy in PDF\]](#)