



Eid Mubarak!

Eid al-Adha

Islam

[Eid ul-Ad-ha](#) 

Eid al-Adha is the latter of the two Islamic holidays celebrated worldwide each year, and considered the holier of the two. Also called Tabaski, it honors the willingness of Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismael as an act of obedience to God's command.

Eid al-Fitr (3 days) which is the first day after Ramadan and Eid al-Adha (4 days) are the only two holidays that are celebrated by all Muslims.

Date

- In the Islamic lunar calendar, Eid al-Adha falls on the 10th day of the 12th and final month of the Islamic calendar in which pilgrims from all around the world congregate at Mecca , and lasts for four days.
- Link to [Interfaith Calendar](#) for exact date/year lookup.

Greetings

To recognize the Eid with colleagues or friends, you can say, "Eid Mubarak," the Arabic greeting which means "blessed Eid."

Common Practices and Celebrations

- The celebration begins with morning prayers.
- Celebrants then visit family and friends and exchange gifts and feasts.
- Those who can afford it slaughter a sheep, cow, goat, buffalo or camel and share the meat with those less fortunate.

Common Dietary Restrictions

- Many Muslims follow halal food guidelines, meaning food that is permissible by Islamic standards.
- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.

Impact to U-M Community

- Muslim colleagues and students may request to take the first day of the celebration off. Colleagues and remote students in Muslim countries will likely have a national holiday.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts.](#)

U-M Campus resources

- [Maize Pages - Muslim](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M
- [Reflection Rooms](#)

Information Resources

- [Wikipedia](#)
- [CNN](#)

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