## Ramadan 2022

April 2 - May 1

#### What do Muslims do in Ramadan?



#### Fasting

For self-restraint and God consciousness No food or dink (not even water) from sunrise to sunset <u>Spirituality and Worship</u> Increased prayer, acts of worship, reflection, contemplation, and recitation of Qur'an <u>Charity and Community</u> Increased acts of charity (zakat), feeding others, communal iftars (breaking of the fast)

#### **Key Terms**



<u>Ramadan</u> - 9th month of Muslim year, commemorates revelation of the Qur'an <u>Suhoor, Sehri</u> - pre dawn meal <u>Iftar</u> - meal to break fast <u>Salah</u> - prayer <u>Laylatul Qadr</u> -Night of power (overnight prayer) <u>Eid-Al-Fitr</u> - holiday that marks end of Ramadan (May 2nd)

#### A Day in the Life of a Student



<u>4:30am - Suhoor:</u> pre dawn meal <u>5:30am - Fajr:</u> morning prayer <u>8am-10pm - Daily Routine:</u> classes, work, prayer, etc. <u>7:15pm - Maghrib and Iftar:</u> Dusk prayer time and meal to break fast <u>10pm-12am - Taraweeh:</u> congregational prayers reciting entire Qur'an during Ramadan



# How to support UCR Muslim students this Ramadan

### **Food Availability**



Premade suhoor/breakfast to-go meals available for students with meal plans at Glasgow for pickup during dinner the night before. <u>R'Pantry</u> available by appointment for

students experiencing food insecurity.

#### **Prayer Times**



Many students are more observant during Ramadan. Permission to leave class to pray or break fast (10 minutes). Be mindful of programming events conflicting with worship times.

#### Academics

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Accommodations such as moving exam times and/or allowing more time for students to eat for Iftar, to pray, or celebrate the Eid holiday (May 2)

#### Well Wishes



"Ramadan Mubarak!" "Ramadan Kareem!" "Happy Ramadan!"

#### **Recognition**



Recognize the changes students are making to their schedules and eating habits. <u>Acknowledge</u> their practice by wishing them a happy Ramadan and Eid. <u>Check-in</u> on students and offer support.

#### **Questions?**

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