



*Eid Mubarak!*

# Eid al-Ghadeer

Islam

[Eid ul-Gha-deer](#)



Eid al-Ghadeer is a significant feast day for Shia Muslims. Shia Islam marks this as the time where the Prophet Muhammad [peace be upon him] announces Ali ibn Abi Talib, his cousin and son-in-law, as his successor. It is celebrated throughout the world with diverse customs.

## Date

- Eid al-Ghadeer is celebrated on the 18th of [Dhu Al-Hijjah](#) on the Islamic Calendar and can vary from year to year on the Gregorian (Western) calendar.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

## 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

- It is celebrated in different ways by Shia Muslims around the world.
- Observances include prayers, giving gifts, feasts, and reciting a special prayer giving praise and thanks to Allah [peace be unto him].

## Common Dietary Restrictions

- Muslims living in other countries may request to take some time off for celebration and prayer.
- 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

## Information Sources

- [Wikipedia](#)
- [BBC](#)

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