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Islam

[Raa·muh·daan](#) 

In Islam, [Laylat al-Qadr](#) or Qadr Night is when the Quran was sent down from Heaven and revealed to the prophet Muhammad [peace be unto him.] The specific date is not mentioned in the Quran although it is believed to be one of the last ten days of Ramadan, and the last five odd-numbered nights hold special significance.

For Shias Muslims the 23rd is important. For many Sunnis Muslims, the night before the 27th day of Ramadan holds special significance.



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Date

- Consult an Islamic calendar for the correct dates each year.
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings

No common greeting.

Common Practices and Celebrations

- Night prayers and reading the Quran are commonly practiced on these nights.
- It is etiquette in the Islamic tradition to distinguish prophets by referring to them with an immediate notation of respect following their names, as seen above with the bracketed phrase [peace be upon them].

Common Dietary Restrictions

- Food and drink are not consumed between sunrise and sunset during Ramadan.
- Many Muslims follow halal food guidelines, meaning 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
- [U-M Religious Groups Compiled by ARC](#), U-M
- [Reflection Rooms](#)

Information Sources

- [History.com](#)
- [Britannica.com](#)

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