



Eid Mubarak!

Eid al-Fitr

Islam

[Eid ul-Fi-tr](#) 

Eid al-Fitr, or “Celebration of Breaking the Fast,” is a joyous religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide. It marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of the month of Ramadan. It takes place on the first day of Shawwal, the month following Ramadan. On Eid Muslims are not permitted to fast, but rather are encouraged to celebrate the culmination of Ramadan's annual spiritual journey.

All Muslims celebrate Eid al-Fitr, known by some as “the small Eid” (3 days) and Eid al-Adha, known as “the grand Eid” (5-7 days).



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Date

- Eid al-Fitr begins on the first day after Ramadan, in the month of Shawwal. It is often celebrated over three days and is based on the Islamic calendar (the lunar calendar).
- Check the [Calendar Index](#) for Religious Holidays during the current academic year for the exact date.

Greetings

To recognize Eid with colleagues or friends, you can say, “[Eid Mubarak](#)”, the Arabic greeting that means “blessed Eid,” or “Eid sa’eed,” which means “Happy Eid.”

Common Practices and Celebrations

- Decorate homes with lights, colorful lanterns, and ornaments.
- Decorate hands with henna and wear brand-new outfits.
- Attend a morning prayer in congregation with the community.
- Visit elders and gather with families for a feast after prayer on the first day of the celebration.
- Host and attend lavish banquets throughout the celebration, which include many sweet foods.
- Exchange gifts with loved ones, including giving Eidi or Eidiyeh presents to children.

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

Information Sources

- [Time and Date - holidays](#)

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