How to support GMU Muslim students this Ramadan

Prayer Times

Many students are more observant during Ramadan.
Allow students to leave class to pray or break fast (10-20 minutes).
Be mindful of programming events that conflict with prayer times or breaking fast times.

Key Terms

Ramadan - 9th month of Muslim year, commemorates revelation of the Qur'an
Suhoor, Sehri - pre-dawn meal
Iftar - meal to break fast
Salah - prayer
Laylatul Qadr - Night of power (overnight prayer)
Eid-Al-Fitr - holiday that marks end of Ramadan (Dusk April 9 through Dusk April 10)

Academics

Accommodations such as moving exam times and/or allowing more time for students to eat for Iftar, pray, or celebrate the Eid holiday (April 09 - April 12, allowing for travel)

Recognition

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

Questions?

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Well Wishes

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

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