

# Chaplain's Office

Fostering Spiritual, Religious, & Contemplative Life at CC

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## Muslim Life



Muslim Life at CC is diverse and active with many ways to connect, engage, and participate. There are opportunities to learn and grow spiritually and intellectually. Throughout the academic year, Muslim students gather for community, meals, prayers, social action, and holiday celebrations with students, staff, and faculty. There are also opportunities to connect with the Islamic Society of Colorado Springs and Muslim students from the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Colorado Springs. There are periodic lectures connected to Islam, social justice and, other topics including speakers MSA brings to campus that enrich Muslim Life on campus. There are also academic classes in Arabic and in other departments that may be of interest. Muslim Life and the Muslim Community provide a welcoming and inclusive space for all Muslim students on campus, however a student may choose to be engaged.



# RESOURCES

The following campus and community resources may be helpful to you in deepening, exploring, and remaining connected to Muslim Life at CC.



## CONNECT WITH COMMUNITIES & PRACTICE

\*During the 2021-22 academic year some programs and practices may be different due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns. Some events may occur virtually. We appreciate your flexibility.

### **Muslim Student Association**

The Muslim Student Association primarily aims to bring together Muslims of diverse backgrounds and cultures under one unified, organized, proactive community and stands upon the principles of inclusion, community, and action. The MSA is a space for students of all Muslim backgrounds, whether they identify religiously or ethnically and strives to remain inclusive of those who wish to understand, appreciate, and practice their Islam without compromising their morals and beliefs. Together with Muslim staff, faculty and the local Colorado Springs Muslim Community, MSA creates a vibrant and supportive Muslim community on campus. The MSA hosts events primarily for community building and fellowship, social action, and education about Islam and its diversities (for Muslims and non-Muslims alike). As the Muslim Community grows at CC the MSA looks forward to continuing to expand in it's creative capacities.

### **Juma Prayers**

There is the opportunity for Juma prayers each Friday through rides to the local Islamic society. For more information, please contact the Chaplain's Office or the leaders of the Muslim Student Association.

### **Ramadan**

In years when Ramadan falls during the academic calendar, such as this year, pack-out meal options are available during Rastall open hours. The Chaplain's Office coordinates with dining services and MSA to make these meals available. It is important to let the Chaplain's Office know your desire for such meals so we can ensure they are available for you.

### **Places to Pray**

There are many quiet places to pray around campus. If you need help finding a space or a prayer rug, please let us know. There is currently a meditation/prayer space in the process of being created that will also have wudu facilities in Worner Center. We are very excited about this! Please stay connected for updates.

## Halal

At gatherings and meals, the Muslim community seeks to provide Halal meat. We are continuously working hard with Bon Appetite to increase Halal options in Rastall. Due to supply chain issues, access and options to Halal meat have been limited. We continue to work to change this. There are always frozen Halal meals you can purchase in the Preserve and C-Store, and there are also a variety of restaurants and stores in the wider Colorado Springs area that serve Halal meat. If you have questions, need support, or have dietary need around keeping Halal, including accessing Halal meat, please contact the Chaplain's Office for support.

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## Islamic Society of Colorado Springs

2125 N. Chestnut, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

[www.iscs.info](http://www.iscs.info) or (719) 632-3364



## Daily Prayer Times in Colorado Springs

You can find daily prayer times at

[www.muslimpro.com](http://www.muslimpro.com)



## Reporting Islamophobia

Colorado College is committed to creating an environment that is safe and conducive to learning that is safe and conducive learning, living and working. This includes fostering a community free from discrimination and harassment.

If you experience Islamophobia, there are many supportive resources for you including the Chaplain's Office, the Office of Civil Rights & Title IX, and The Butler Center. You can also report incidents of Islamophobia by going to:

[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColoradoCollege&layout\\_id=40](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?ColoradoCollege&layout_id=40)



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