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.
During the 2020-2021 academic year some programs and practices may be different due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns. 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 its 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, pack-out meal options are available during Rastall open hours. The Chaplain’s Office coordinates with dining services 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.

**RESOURCES**
The following campus and community resources may be helpful to you in remaining connected to Muslim Life at CC.
**Places to Pray**
There are many quiet places to pray around campus. If you need help finding a space, please let us know. During the 2020-2021 academic year due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns students are encouraged to pray in their rooms or outside. If you need a prayer rug please let the Chaplain’s Office know.

**Halal**
At gatherings and meals, the Muslim community seeks to provide Halal meat. There are frozen Halal meals you can purchase in the Preserve, there are also a variety of restaurants and stores in the wider Colorado Springs area that serve Halal meat. If you have questions or a dietary need around keeping Halal, please contact the Chaplain’s Office for support.

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**Daily Prayer Times in Colorado Springs**
You can find daily prayer times [here](#):