



January 15th, 2026

To whom it may concern,

RE: Winter 2026 Religious Practice, Obligations, and Events of Muslims on Campus

The purpose of this letter is to provide insight into a vital religious obligation of the Muslim faith, daily prayers, which may require accommodation on the basis of religious beliefs, a protected ground. A schedule of the five obligatory daily prayers for the Winter 2026 semester is included.

The Muslim Students' Association of the University of Alberta was founded in 1982 to satisfy the spiritual, material, and social needs of students on campus. One of our essential objectives is to elevate Muslim voices by representing and advocating on behalf of the UofA Muslim community with regard to concerns they express on campus. This letter serves as documentation of the schedule of our faith/religious group practices and aids in describing some religious obligations while outlining potential accommodations.

While there may be additional religious obligations outside of the contents of this letter that require accommodation, this letter will focus on daily prayers and Friday prayers for the sake of brevity.

Impact

Depending on their timing, daily prayers and Friday prayers may conflict with classes, labs, or exams. Missing exams, lectures, or labs where attendance is counted as a portion of the student's grade would directly impact a student's grades negatively. Missing lectures can also lead to a knowledge gap in course material and a decrease in academic performance.

1. Daily prayers

- Muslims can perform the five daily prayers within specific time intervals. Each prayer has its designated time. Muslims are advised not to delay each prayer within its time frame, as they then risk missing the prayer. Missing a prayer is considered a major sin.
- The starting times for the five daily obligatory prayers—Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, and Isha—according to the Edmonton Inter-Masjid Shura are outlined below in a prayer calendar covering January 2026 to July 2026.
- The times of these prayers shift throughout the year, based on the length of the day and the position of the sun.
- Except for Fajr (which ends at sunrise), the end time for each prayer is the start time of the subsequent prayer. This means that if a lecture, consecutive lectures, a lab, or an exam overlaps or nearly overlaps with the start times of two consecutive prayers, there is a time conflict between the academic activity and daily prayers.



- Generally, students can complete each prayer within 10 minutes. They may also need 5 additional minutes for ablution before praying. In total, including setting up a place to pray and ablution, it can take up to 15-20 minutes.
- Daily prayers can be done individually. Students might need access to a washroom for ablution. There are currently five prayer spaces available to all students on campus: HUB Multi Faith Prayer Space, SUB 3-02, ECHA 2-407, DICE 3-323/4-323 and MEC 5-8T.
- In an exam setting, students are not obliged to use designated prayer spaces. The main requirement is a clean space that is free from distractions and has adequate privacy. Students may also bring their own prayer mat to ensure cleanliness. Students must pray facing Mecca. In the Edmonton area, the direction of Mecca is approximately 25° east of true north.
- **Possible Modifications or Accommodations (in the case of a time conflict):**
 - Offer a 15 to 20-minute exam break that does subtract from their total amount of time to complete the exam.
 - Reschedule exams and in-class activities.
 - Provide digital resources such as recorded lectures for the missed portion of classes.
 - Allow for late attendance or temporary excusal from labs and mandatory activities, granting students enough time to pray.

2. Friday prayers

- Every Friday, a congregational prayer that includes a sermon is held around midday, longer than the usual Dhuhr prayer.
- The times of these prayers shift throughout the year, based on the length of the day and the position of the sun.
- During most weeks, the MSA holds two Friday prayers on campus to accommodate various student schedules. Each student is obligated to attend one prayer. For the Fall 2025 semester:
 - From Friday, January 16th to Friday, March 24th, the first prayer will be held during 1-1:50pm block and the second prayer will be held during the 2-2:50pm block.
 - From Friday, March 13th, to Friday, July 31st the first prayer will be held during the 2-2:50pm block and the second prayer will be held during the 3-3:50pm block.
- **Possible Modifications or Accommodations (in the case of a time conflict):**
 - Reschedule exams and in-class activities.
 - Offer digital resources such as recorded lectures for missed classes.
 - Waive mandatory attendance or permit late attendance for labs and mandatory classes.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding religious obligations, the practices of Muslims, or the event schedule of religious practices for the Fall 2025 semester, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at msa@ualberta.ca. I am more than willing to provide any additional information that may be required.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Zainab Shafiq'.

Zainab Shafiq
President
MSA UofA

January- July 2026 Prayer Times for the City of Edmonton and Area
(based on Edmonton Inter-Masajid Shura timings)

Date	Day	Fajr	Dhuhr	'Asr	Maghrib	Isha'
January 2026						
01-01-2026	Thursday	06:31	12:41	14:10	16:26	18:47
02-01-2026	Friday	06:31	12:41	14:11	16:27	18:48
03-01-2026	Saturday	06:31	12:42	14:12	16:28	18:49
04-01-2026	Sunday	06:31	12:42	14:13	16:29	18:50
05-01-2026	Monday	06:31	12:43	14:14	16:30	18:51
06-01-2026	Tuesday	06:31	12:43	14:15	16:32	18:52
07-01-2026	Wednesday	06:30	12:44	14:17	16:33	18:53
08-01-2026	Thursday	06:30	12:44	14:18	16:35	18:54
09-01-2026	Friday	06:30	12:44	14:19	16:36	18:55
10-01-2026	Saturday	06:29	12:45	14:20	16:37	18:56
11-01-2026	Sunday	06:29	12:45	14:21	16:39	18:57
12-01-2026	Monday	06:29	12:46	14:23	16:40	18:59
13-01-2026	Tuesday	06:28	12:46	14:24	16:42	19:00
14-01-2026	Wednesday	06:28	12:46	14:25	16:44	19:01
15-01-2026	Thursday	06:27	12:47	14:27	16:45	19:02



16-01-2026	Friday	06:27	12:47	14:28	16:47	19:04
17-01-2026	Saturday	06:26	12:47	14:29	16:49	19:05
18-01-2026	Sunday	06:25	12:48	14:31	16:50	19:06
19-01-2026	Monday	06:25	12:48	14:32	16:52	19:08
20-01-2026	Tuesday	06:24	12:48	14:34	16:54	19:09
21-01-2026	Wednesday	06:23	12:49	14:35	16:56	19:10
22-01-2026	Thursday	06:22	12:49	14:36	16:58	19:12
23-01-2026	Friday	06:21	12:49	14:38	16:59	19:13
24-01-2026	Saturday	06:20	12:49	14:39	17:01	19:14
25-01-2026	Sunday	06:19	12:50	14:41	17:03	19:16
26-01-2026	Monday	06:19	12:50	14:42	17:05	19:17
27-01-2026	Tuesday	06:18	12:50	14:44	17:07	19:19
28-01-2026	Wednesday	06:16	12:50	14:45	17:09	19:20
29-01-2026	Thursday	06:15	12:50	14:47	17:11	19:22
30-01-2026	Friday	06:14	12:51	14:49	17:13	19:23
31-01-2026	Saturday	06:13	12:51	14:50	17:15	19:24
February 2026						
01-02-2026	Sunday	06:12	12:51	14:52	17:17	19:26
02-02-2026	Monday	06:11	12:51	14:53	17:19	19:27
03-02-2026	Tuesday	06:10	12:51	14:55	17:20	19:29
04-02-2026	Wednesday	06:08	12:51	14:56	17:22	19:30
05-02-2026	Thursday	06:07	12:51	14:58	17:24	19:32
06-02-2026	Friday	06:06	12:51	14:59	17:26	19:33
07-02-2026	Saturday	06:05	12:52	15:01	17:28	19:34
08-02-2026	Sunday	06:03	12:52	15:03	17:30	19:36
09-02-2026	Monday	06:02	12:52	15:04	17:32	19:37
10-02-2026	Tuesday	06:01	12:52	15:06	17:34	19:39
11-02-2026	Wednesday	05:59	12:52	15:07	17:36	19:40



12-02-2026	Thursday	05:58	12:52	15:09	17:38	19:42
13-02-2026	Friday	05:56	12:52	15:10	17:40	19:43
14-02-2026	Saturday	05:55	12:52	15:12	17:42	19:44
15-02-2026	Sunday	05:53	12:52	15:13	17:44	19:46
16-02-2026	Monday	05:52	12:52	15:15	17:46	19:47
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19-02-2026	Thursday	05:47	12:51	15:19	17:52	19:51
20-02-2026	Friday	05:46	12:51	15:21	17:54	19:53
21-02-2026	Saturday	05:44	12:51	15:22	17:56	19:54
22-02-2026	Sunday	05:43	12:51	15:24	17:58	19:55
23-02-2026	Monday	05:41	12:51	15:25	18:00	19:57
24-02-2026	Tuesday	05:39	12:51	15:27	18:02	19:58
25-02-2026	Wednesday	05:38	12:51	15:28	18:04	20:00
26-02-2026	Thursday	05:36	12:50	15:29	18:06	20:01
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28-02-2026	Saturday	05:33	12:50	15:32	18:10	20:04
March 2026						
01-03-2026	Sunday	05:31	12:50	15:34	18:12	20:05
02-03-2026	Monday	05:29	12:50	15:35	18:14	20:06
03-03-2026	Tuesday	05:27	12:49	15:36	18:15	20:07
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06-03-2026	Friday	05:22	12:49	15:40	18:21	20:11
07-03-2026	Saturday	05:21	12:49	15:42	18:23	20:13
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09-03-2026	Monday	06:17	13:48	16:44	19:27	21:15
10-03-2026	Tuesday	06:15	13:48	16:46	19:29	21:16
11-03-2026	Wednesday	06:13	13:48	16:47	19:31	21:18



12-03-2026	Thursday	06:12	13:47	16:48	19:33	21:19
13-03-2026	Friday	06:10	13:47	16:49	19:34	21:20
14-03-2026	Saturday	06:08	13:47	16:50	19:36	21:22
15-03-2026	Sunday	06:06	13:47	16:52	19:38	21:23
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21-03-2026	Saturday	05:55	13:45	16:59	19:49	21:30
22-03-2026	Sunday	05:53	13:44	17:00	19:51	21:31
23-03-2026	Monday	05:52	13:44	17:01	19:53	21:33
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17-07-2026	Friday	04:23	13:44	18:03	21:56	23:00
18-07-2026	Saturday	04:24	13:44	18:03	21:54	22:59
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22-07-2026	Wednesday	04:28	13:44	18:01	21:49	22:56
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24-07-2026	Friday	04:30	13:44	18:00	21:46	22:54
25-07-2026	Saturday	04:31	13:44	17:59	21:45	22:53
26-07-2026	Sunday	04:33	13:44	17:59	21:43	22:51
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29-07-2026	Wednesday	04:36	13:44	17:57	21:38	22:48
30-07-2026	Thursday	04:37	13:44	17:56	21:37	22:47



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