

Ramadan, Provost's Conference Events, and Upcoming Opportunities

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Ramadan at DU

This school year, the Muslim holy month of Ramadan runs April 2 through May 2. Ramadan involves a month of fasting, introspection, and prayer for Muslims, the followers of Islam.

The University's commitment to inclusivity includes a commitment to accommodate the observance of religious holy days by all of its community members. We encourage you all to consult an interfaith calendar throughout the year and especially when designing syllabi.

Visit the [Cultural Center Ramadan web page](#) for more information and resources, and [download the DU Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence Ramadan 2022 flyer](#).

A flyer for Ramadan 2022. The background is dark blue with a crescent moon, stars, and lanterns. The text is white and yellow. The title "Ramadan 2022" is at the top. Below it is a paragraph about Ramadan. Then another paragraph about breaking fasts. Then a section titled "How can you support your Muslim Peers?" with six numbered points. At the bottom right, there is a URL and the University of Denver logo.

Ramadan 2022

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting, introspection and prayer for Muslims, the followers of Islam. Fasting is one of Islam's five fundamental principles. Each day during Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink from pre-dawn to sunset; they are also supposed to avoid impure thoughts and bad behavior.

Muslims break their daily fasts by sharing meals (iftar) with family and friends, and the end of Ramadan is celebrated with a one to three-day celebration known as Eid al-Fitr, one of Islam's major holidays.

This school year, the Muslim holy month of Ramadan falls entirely within the Spring Quarter:
April 2 - May 2, 2022

How can you support your Muslim Peers?

- 1.) **Treat me the same as usual.**
You don't need to hide your food around me. I would be more comfortable if people would continue their day as we typically would together.
- 2.) **Encourage me.**
Everything is made easier when people motivate you with a few encouraging words.
- 3.) **Respect.**
Please respect that this is a time of spiritual cleansing for me and do not ask if I am hungry.
- 4.) **Be mindful and understanding.**
Please be mindful of the events that you invite me to, as I may not have the energy to take part, but that does not mean that I'm not interested.
- 5.) **Scheduling meetings.**
Try to avoid organizing working lunches during Ramadan and opt for early-morning meetings.
- 6.) **Do Not Assume.**

For more information visit:
www.du.edu/culturalcenter/spiritual-life/ramadan.html

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Advancing Equity in Teaching Excellence

Join the campus community for the first event in the **Provost's Conference Series**, *Continuing the Conversation & Moving Into Action: Advancing Equity in Faculty Workload and Rewards and Living Into R1 Our Way* this **Friday, April 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Maglione Hall**. We will be joined by Noah Finkelstein and Sarah Andrews from CU Boulder who will share how expanding the voices and types of evidence considered in understanding and evaluating teaching excellence has implications for equity. This event will also celebrate our inaugural Departmental Action Teams (DATs), who will embark on a 10 month change initiative to examine their current practice and determine ways to ensure three voices (self, peer, and student) are reflected in teaching evaluation for annual and consequential review.

Learn more about [DATs@DU](#), our campus-wide [Teaching Excellence initiative](#), and [register for events in the Provost's Conference Series](#).

Congratulate our inaugural DATs!

University Writing Program, led by Sheila Carter-Tod

First Year Language Program, Center for World Languages and Cultures, led by Emily Sposeto

Teaching and Learning Sciences, Morgridge College of Education, led by Norma Hafenstein

ePortfolio Platform Vendor Demos Start Tomorrow!

In collaboration with IT, the OTL is excited to announce three finalists for our new ePortfolio Platform. For details on Vendor Demos, visit the [DU Portfolio Decommission Page](#). Note: you will need to login using your DU credentials to view the Zoom information.

ePortfolios are personal websites that provide students with a space to reflect on their curricular and co-curricular experiences, curate evidence of skills and learning, and display their knowledge through a variety of mediums, including presentations, documents, videos, images, and more. In addition to being a space for students to reflect on their learning, ePortfolios are a rich source of course and programmatic assessment. Within the chosen platform, faculty will have a variety of ways to provide feedback through comments, rubrics, and summative grades that integrate with Canvas.

These demos start on Friday, April 1 and continue next week. We encourage faculty, staff, and students to attend and provide feedback on the finalists.

2022 OTL Teaching Celebration: Call for Nominations

The OTL is excited to host an in-person Celebration of Teaching in May! Please take a few minutes to complete the [Teaching Accomplishment survey](#) to nominate yourself

and/or a colleague to be recognized during this event. We look forward to celebrating all of the teaching innovations and successes at DU this year.

Teaching Online - Advanced Practice Starts Next Week!

Did you complete the Teaching Online Short Course and now you are hoping to elevate your online teaching even more? Interested in exploring Canvas integrations, active learning techniques, and High-Impact Practices? Then join us for the upcoming session of the Teaching Online - Advanced Practice Short Course!

Teaching Online - Advanced Practice starts on April 4 and will help you get a head start on your upcoming courses! You will investigate topics related to multimedia, measuring individual and group learning outcomes, technology that promotes social and cognitive engagement, and more. You can take your time and work on the course at your own pace throughout the month of April and **faculty who complete the requirements will receive a stipend!**

[Register for Teaching Online - Advanced Practice](#) today!

And don't forget to check out our [OTL Events Calendar](#) for all of our upcoming events!

Collaborate with Accommodate!

Students registered with the [Disability Services Program](#) (DSP) use [Accommodate](#) to communicate with their DU faculty members about their approved accommodations.

Faculty are emailed about notifications in the Accommodate system and can log in to sign off on the letters through [the Faculty Accommodate Portal](#).

Faculty members will need to *Collaborate with Accommodate* in order to sign off on Letters of Approved Accommodations (LOAAs) and to provide the DSP Testing Center with testing information. Join Ellen Hogan, OTL Accessibility Technologist for Learning and Instruction, to learn more about the Accommodate software for the faculty experience.

[Collaborate with Accommodate](#)

Tuesday, April 5, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Hyflex - join us online or in person at Anderson Academic Commons 345

If you are unable to attend this session, no worries! This session will be recorded, and the recording will be emailed afterward to all participants who register.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to join the Collaborate with Accommodate sessions throughout the spring term.



