



Supporting Students from Different Religious Backgrounds

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Agenda

- Introduction to the Faith & Spirituality Centre
- Relevant Human Rights legislation
- Prayer & Meditation Spaces
- Religious Observance and Accommodation
- Questions

Introduction to the FSC

- Part of the SU Wellness Centre, located in MSC 373
- Have over 12 chaplains and liaisons from Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Secular Humanist and Hindu communities
- Chaplains are available for one-on-one spiritual support, guidance and crisis support
- Drop-in space, Library, weekly worship services, meditation classes, drum circles, book and Bible studies

Relevant Human Rights Legislation

- University of Calgary policies
- Alberta Human Rights Legislation
 - Duty to Accommodate

Prayer & Meditation Spaces

- The FSC manages 3 prayer/meditation spaces for students, staff and Faculty to use
 - Meditation Room – located in MSC 373 (in our Centre)
 - Large & Small Prayer Rooms – located in MSC 317a and 317
- We also manage Friday Prayers for the Muslim Students' Association
 - Prayers take place at 12:15pm and 1:15pm, all are welcome
 - Normally prayers occur in the Loft – during renovations, please find schedule here: ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre

Religious Observance & Accommodation

- Prayers
 - Jewish and Muslim perspective
- Fasting and Dietary Restrictions
 - Jewish and Muslim perspectives
- Mourning/Grieving Rites
 - Jewish and Muslim perspective

Religious Observance & Accommodation (cont'd)

- Yearly cycle observances
 - Sabbath and Jewish Holidays
- Economic considerations
 - Interest incurred and tuition
- Exam & Term Work Deferrals
 - Process – Adriana; chaplain vs. community leader
 - Examples – Muslims and Jewish

Questions?

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