

Halal Fact Sheet

*Halal dining is offered to students at Smith College. The meal contains halal meat only and is served in specific dining halls. Other meal components may not be considered halal. This fact sheet is designed to make halal dining practices transparent to Smith students to improve their ability to navigate dining offerings and make informed decisions around meals. Dining Services is continually working to improve its processes and welcomes your feedback. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Dining Services may have to make changes to dining offerings and guidelines, if required.***

Academic Year

- All meats during the academic year served in Cutter/Ziskind including beef, chicken, lamb, deli selections, and breakfast meat are Halal. All chicken nuggets and tenders are Halal at C/Z but not at other dining halls.
- The Cutter/Ziskind kitchen is not certified Halal by any third party.
- Pork is never served in Cutter/Ziskind during the academic year.
- While the meat served in Cutter/Ziskind is Halal, there may be other products served that are not considered Halal e.g. vinegars, marshmallow, desserts.
- Chicken (except for chicken tenders and nuggets) served in our dining rooms across campus is Halal. Only Cutter/Ziskind offers Halal chicken tenders and nuggets. All other chicken tenders and nuggets served in other dining halls are not Halal.

Please note: Except for Cutter/Ziskind all of our facilities serve some meals cooked with pork and alcohol. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cutter Ziskind is the only dining hall open on campus at this time. Meat served in Cutter/Ziskind is Halal. If there is ever any meat served in C/Z that is not Halal, Dining Services will label it clearly and serve it separately. Thank You for your understanding!

Ramadan

- Ramadan meals along with Halal meat including breakfast food will be prepared and served from Cutter Ziskind throughout the month of Ramadan (April 23 – May 23, 2020.)
- Predawn meals are available for pick up during standard dinner hours.

Summer

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 plans for summer meals have not been determined at this time.

If you have any questions about Halal meat, require additional cooking time for Halal meat(s), or want to inquire about food ingredients, please speak with the chef on duty or a dining staff member.

Year-round

- Halal chicken and burgers are available at the Campus Center Café and can be cooked in a separate pan upon request. If requested a separate pan can also be used for cooking eggs or sandwiches.
- If you are attending a catered event on campus, please ask the organizer to request a Halal dietary accommodation for you. Please note: Catering kitchens on campus also prepare foods with alcohol and pork.
- Dining Services and The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life websites have information about religious and dietary accommodations.

Orientation

- During orientation period Halal meat is available to groups whose coordinators submit dietary accommodation requests to Dining Services. Please ask your program coordinator to request a Halal dietary accommodation regardless of where you are assigned to dine. This helps with accurate counts and to avoid long waits.

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