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Dear Faculty and Staff,

This is a reminder that Ramadan began March 10 and will be celebrated until April 9 this year. You may be contacted by students in your classes regarding their observance of Ramadan. Thank you for being mindful of university policy regarding religious holidays/events as you communicate with students during this time.

Observance of Religious Holidays/Events: The University of Maine recognizes that when students are observing significant religious holidays, some may be unable to attend classes or labs, study, take tests, or work on other assignments. If they provide adequate notice (at least one week and longer if at all possible), these students are allowed to make up course requirements as long as this effort does not create an unreasonable burden upon the instructor, department or University. At the discretion of the instructor, such coursework could be due before or after the examination or assignment. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result in a student's grade for the examination, study, or course requirement on the day of religious observance. The student shall not be marked absent from the class due to observing a significant religious holiday. In the case of an internship or clinical, students should refer to the applicable policy in place by the employer or site.

Thank you for your help with this important request.

Sincerely,

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