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Carolina Dining Services Guide to

## HALAL AT UNC







Our two main residential dining halls, Top of Lenoir and Chase, offer a number of halal-friendly options. At each station, we have LED digital screens that display what we are serving, the nutritional information, ingredients, flags for the top 8 allergens and dietary preferences, including halal.

You can also find this information on our online menu (dining.unc.edu > menus & hours). The website page also has an interactive filter ——where you can set specific rules, such as Halal to find foods that meet your dietary needs and preferences.



We offer several vegan, vegetarian, and pescatarian-friendly dishes which could be halal-friendly.

Trout, salmon, mahi, and tuna are on our menu sporadically throughout the week, and all our vegetable sides are cooked with oil, vegan margarine, or steamed. We understand that some ingredients may contain trace amounts of alcohol, such as soy sauce, extracts, and rice vinegar, however those will be listed online, and you may choose to not have

those items. At our made-to-order stations, rice vinegar and soy sauce are occasionally used, but you can request to omit them as they are preparing your meal. Additionally, you may ask for a clean pan if you are concerned about cross contact. To reduce the risk of cross-contact with non-halal meats, we use color coordinated serving utensils at other stations in the dining hall. At the pizza station, we have separate color-coordinated pizza cutters for our pepperoni, vegetarian, and vegan pizzas.



## SIMPLY PREPARED STATION - CHASE DINING HALL

You can find halal protein at least four times a week served at Chase dining hall's Simply Prepared station during lunch and dinner. This currently includes halal chicken thighs, chicken breast, and lamb leg. *An update as of September 2nd, 2022, is that we're working with a purveyor who is now able to provide halal brisket and bone-in chicken.* We look forward to incorporating those items into upcoming Simply Prepared menus!



## MAINSTREET AT THE BOTTOM OF LENOIR

Our retail partners, *Mediterranean Deli and CholaNad both offer certified halal proteins.* 

## **PARTNERSHIP**







After consulting with the Muslim Student Association (MSA) this past year, we defined halal menu items those that include halal-certified meat and exclude pork products, including gelatin, and cooking alcohol.

Another result after collaborating with UNC's MSA is that we added halal-friendly options every day and offered to-go options during late night at Chase (9pm-12a) for Ramadan. This was done to ensure Muslim students could eat a meal after breaking their fasts during the month of Ramadan. After learning that dates are traditionally eaten to break a fast, we provided dates in the dining halls during Ramadan. We plan to continue to provide these accommodations in the coming years.