

The University of North Texas
Dining Services
White Paper: Halal

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What is halal?

Halal are the dietary laws of Islam. The prohibited food that is served here at UNT is swine and any food item made with a swine by-product. Animals that are allowed for consumption must be killed in a specific manner. Some Muslims may also avoid coffee and tea (1, p. 98). *Halal* foods may be marked certified *halal* with symbols that are registered with the Islamic food and Nutrition Council of America (1, p. 99).

Does UNT serve halal foods?

At this time, UNT does not serve any *halal* meats for three reasons: it is very difficult to find certified *halal* meats, they are very expensive, and we have not received any requests for *halal* meats. For additional information, please contact the dining office at 940-565-2462.

What about other Universities?

According to Pam Edwards, Assistant Director of University Dining Services of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, they have not had any specific requests for *halal* meats, but she knows of places in the area where they could purchase them.

Lexi MacMillan of Arizona State University says that they provide “*halal*-friendly” foods but at this time do not serve *halal* meats, because it would raise the cost for all of their students. They do, however, have a growing population of Muslim students, but she did not mention a plan for future purchasing of *halal* meats.

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