



THE MARKAZ COMMUNITY CENTER

The Markaz, whose name comes from the Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Turkish and Urdu word for "center," is unique in its cultural focus and goal of serving all students interested in Africa, the Middle East, and central, south and southeast Asia, as well as the American Muslim experience.

The center serves the community that identifies with or has an interest, scholarly or otherwise, in Islamic culture, the Muslim world, global Muslim communities and non-Muslim minorities within the Muslim world.

The resource center serves as an entry point for students who want to get more information about opportunities to engage outside the classroom with the cultures, faiths and peoples of this vast region. The Markaz aims to facilitate dialogue and discussion around the critical social and political issues that have been at the forefront of the national conversation since 9/11. The Markaz provides space to and serves as a hub for, the many students and student groups that identify academically, culturally and otherwise with the Muslim world.

Important Things to Know: Muslim Life on Campus

- ❖ **The Markaz** is the Muslim resource center on campus and is an inclusive space that centers on social justice and community growth. Its balcony makes an excellent study spot.

Prayer on Campus:

- ❖ There is a prayer room you can access with a code, and a Wudhu station on the third floor of the Old Union building (once you exit the elevator on the third floor, the prayer room will be to your right).
- ❖ There are two Jumu'ah prayers (Friday prayers) held in the Sanctuary room on the third floor of Old Union – a smaller one starts at 12:25 P.M. (with salah at 12:45 P.M.) and the primary prayer begins at 1:25 P.M. (with salah at 1:50 P.M.).

Ramadan:

- ❖ Every day of Ramadan, there are boxed suhoor boxes that you can order from Stanford Dining. There are also iftars held every night, usually on the third floor of the Old Union.
- ❖ If you have a final exam/midterm in the evening during Ramadan, you can ask your professors to reschedule and they may accommodate the request.
- ❖ ALL beef and chicken in ALL of the dining halls is zabiha halal.

Additional Resources:

- ❖ There are many more community centers, offices, and student groups on campus offering a variety of resources to students, including (but not limited to):
 - Office for Religious Life
 - Muslim Student Union
 - Black Community Services Center (Black House)
 - Black Student Union
 - Center for African Studies
 - Stanford African Students Association
 - Women's Community Center
 - Asian American Activities Center
 - Native American Cultural Center
 - Arab Students Association at Stanford
 - Persian Student Association
- ❖ You can view a full list of over 650 Voluntary Student Organizations at Stanford [here](#).

Student Organizations

The Markaz supports and works specifically with the following Markaz affiliated Volunteer Student Organizations (M-VSOs) in their impactful and important work on Stanford's campus linked below:

- ❑ [American Middle East Network for Dialogue at Stanford \(AMENDS\)](#)
- ❑ [Arab Students Association at Stanford \(ASAS\)](#)
- ❑ [Avicenna- The Stanford Journal on Muslim Affairs](#)
- ❑ [Middle East Ensemble](#)
- ❑ [Muslim Student Union \(MSU\)](#)

- ❑ [Pakistanis at Stanford \(PAS\)](#)
- ❑ [Persian Student Association \(PSA\)](#)
- ❑ [Stanford Muslim Medical Association \(SMMA\)](#)
- ❑ [Stanford South Asian Society](#)
- ❑ [Stanford Students for Justice in Palestine \(SJP\)](#)
- ❑ [Student and Labor Alliance \(SALA\)](#)
- ❑ [Turkish Students Association \(TSA\)](#)

Places

- ❑ The Markaz: Resource center, Nitery
- ❑ *Musallah*: Located on the third floor of the main Old Union Building, the *Musallah* is a place where prayer can be performed throughout the day.

Events

Here you can view the flyers for some of the events that were held throughout the 2019-2020 academic year.



BHANGRA DANCE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be led by members of the Stanford Bhanga team. The team was founded in 1996 and ever since, they've worked hard to spread the love and joy of bhanga.

The Markaz Resource Center presents
EMBRACING YOUR AUTHENTIC SELF WITH LEAH VERNON

Author of *I, Muhammad: Musings of a 1st-Gen Muslim* and featured on *Buzzfeed*, *VX Times*, *HuffPost*, *CNBC*, *CBS*.

AUTHOR. MODEL. INFLUENCER. KILLING IT.

Join us for a Chai Chat with Leah Vernon Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM Markaz Resource Center, Nitery Building

rsvp at bit.ly/LeahVernon with accessibility concerns

Embracing Your Authentic Self

with @leahvernon2000

PAKISTANIS AT STANFORD GAME NIGHT

COME PLAY GAMES AND EAT DESI SNACKS WITH FELLOW PAKISTANIS

FEB 3RD 7-9PM AT THE MARKAZ

The Markaz Presents

STUDY NIGHTS

Come study with friends at the Markaz on December 3rd and 6th from 8-10pm. We will have tutors for Chemistry, Math, and Writing (Hume). Tea and snacks provided!

Hot Cocoa Hangout

First MSU weekly social: join us for hot chocolate, halal marshmallows and brownies!

DONT FORGET TO BRING YOUR MUG :)

Friday 1/10 7-8PM @Markaz

Come de-stress with the...

MARKAZ MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Engage with mindful breathing and meditation techniques. All experience levels are welcome!

JANUARY 8TH | 7 PM - 8 PM
MARKAZ RESOURCE CENTER

Led by: Anshul Samar and Graham Erwin

MARKAZ FALL MIXER

Make new friends and dance the night away!

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2019
 9:00 PM-11:00 PM
 THE MARKAZ
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Come to the Markaz for a fun-filled night of music, dancing, and meeting new people! Enjoy drinks and chat and meet friends and new friends with your friends. All are welcome!

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