Muslim Prayer Rooms on Campus

The University provides prayer facilities in several locations on campus. (For details Please visit: Muslim Prayer Rooms) These are for Muslim students and staff; most have nearby washing facilities.

The purpose of these rooms is to maximise equality of access to study, research and work for individuals who observe prayer times (that fall during the normal working day) by providing appropriate space close to place of work/study. This is as suggested by the 2010 Equality Act and to meet the University of Sheffield’s commitment to equality and diversity.

Policy:

The rooms are for the use of staff and students of the University within normal working hours. At other times, where student timetables/work schedules do not apply, individual arrangements will have to be made. Visitors with official business on campus (e.g. visitors to open days, conference delegates) may also use the rooms.

The rooms are open to anyone for individual prayer or contemplation that does not detract from the primary intended use or exclude other faith groups. However, priority is for those whose prayer times are fixed.

The University provides rooms for individual prayer and non-ceremonial collective prayers only, not for congregational services, meetings or individual or group academic study.

The rooms should be maintained and used in such a way that they are welcoming to all Muslims wishing to use them appropriately.

Users are responsible for leaving the rooms clean and tidy, replacing any items used in the correct place.

We require that rooms are used respectfully and for their intended purpose only.

The Muslim Chaplain is responsible for the oversight and management of the rooms.

Only the Muslim Chaplain or Muslim Chaplaincy Advisory Board can sanction notices or publications permitted in the Muslim Prayer rooms. All other notices/documents will be removed.

No collection of funds for any purpose is permitted in the prayer rooms.

As in all University venues, regulations relating to student discipline and health and safety apply.

The Multi-Faith Chaplaincy provides spaces for quiet reflection or prayer; one of these spaces can be booked by chaplaincy team members or student societies for student and/or staff worship, meditation, gatherings.

For further information please contact chaplaincy@sheffield.ac.uk
        Telephone 0114 222 8923

In case of emergency contact Security on 0114 222 4085

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