

Friday Timetabling During Prayers



This Union Notes:

1. Muslim students at Coventry University often have seminars/lectures on Friday
2. Practising Muslim students have Jummah (Friday prayer) between 1pm – 2pm
3. Lecturers and students have no influence over timetabling their seminars/lectures.
4. Some Muslim students have classes between the prayer time which could prevent them from practising their religion freely
5. Coventry University states “No, compliance with religious observance is not usually accepted as a reason not to attend timetabled sessions.”

This Union Believes:

1. It can be very stressful for Muslim students having classes during the prayer times because it restricts their ability to concentrate fully in a class and vice versa.
2. It can affect their attendance if they decide to practise over attending the class.
3. It can affect student experience, thus creating that sense of NOT belonging within the university itself.

This Union Resolves:

1. To mandate the Executive Committee to work with the University and Chaplains to ensure Muslim students can practice their religion freely within the University.
2. To ensure that there are sufficient supports in place to accommodate changes in timetabling.

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