University of Wolverhampton - quiet spaces and multi-faith prayer spaces for staff and students

The University of Wolverhampton is committed to treating people of all faiths and of none, fairly and to giving students and members of staff access to prayer, worship or quiet contemplation facilities, where practicable. Our University Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Strategy highlights our commitment to providing a learning and working environment which addresses the needs of our diverse staff and student community and which is accessible, safe and welcoming.

Types of spaces

The University provides a number of facilities – quiet spaces and multi-faith prayer spaces – across its campuses to support this commitment; the map of these facilities is provided below. Multi-faith prayer spaces have ablution facilities; quiet spaces do not have ablution facilities. The map indicates what facilities are available in each space.

Where there is more than one room in a multi-faith prayer space there will be sex segregation signage, except in the Library multi-faith prayer space.

There are two unique quiet spaces:

- The Chaplaincy's Quiet Room is a distinctive facility primarily available as a place of privacy for all faiths but this is not its primary purpose.
- The 'Cubbie' in the Library is an immersive sensory space that helps regulate sensory stress through professional, tailor-made programmes, and was designed with autistic and neurodivergent people in mind.

Guidance on use of spaces

Each space will have guidance information on its door. To summarise:

- Noise should be kept to a minimum
- Footwear may be removed and put in an appropriate location
- If you use any items in the room you should return the items to their place and leave the room tidy
- Do not leave bags unattended
- Do not use mobile phones in the rooms for calls and conversations
- It is not allowed to preach in these rooms or leave any literature, and they must not be used for any political activity without prior permission
- Do not eat, drink or socialise in these rooms

- Quiet and multi-faith prayer spaces should not be used for any type of meeting
- These rooms are not areas for sleeping, resting or changing clothes.

Safety and raising concerns

These rooms are covered by the University's health and safety policies, and staff and students should not do anything in these rooms that is likely to cause safety concerns – for example, lighting candles. Emergency evacuation procedures apply to these spaces; if an alarm is activated you must proceed immediately to the nearest fire exit.

If you have any concerns about safety in the spaces or how the spaces are being used, please contact the University's security team or you can report a concern via the SafeZone app. Further information is available online at Security Services - University of Wolverhampton or phone the Security Services team on 01902 322106 (internal 2106). If it is an emergency please call 01902 321555 (internal 1555).