# Guidance for staff and students on religious observances during scheduled academic sessions

The University supports religious observation and as such does allow student to leave timetabled sessions to comply with their religious teachings.

The University expects those exiting sessions to do so quietly and with minimal of disruption to other students and to return at a suitable break point. For example, if the session is two hours long and a break takes place midway though, to re-join at that point.  It may also be possible to join at another time, subject to agreement in advance with the tutor, but again this must be done with minimal distribution to the session and other students’ learning experience.

Students who know that they will need to leave an academic session part way through should try where possible to take a seat close to the exit to facilitate a quiet and speedy exit.  If a student can return to the session, they should, again take a seat close to the exit and commence studying with as little disruption to others as possible.  These are common courtesies which we would expect all students to observe.