

Policy on Students' Beliefs and the Organisation of University Work

Preamble

The University recognises that many faiths are practised within the student population and the University provides a range of practical facilities for observance of faith.

Regulation 17.2 of the General Regulations for Students requires you to

Notify the University immediately upon registration for your programme of study if you are unwilling to carry out University work or examinations on Saturdays or on certain other days during the year because to do so would be contrary to your religion or belief as defined in the Equality Act 2010.

Your own and the University's actions

1. If you have notified the University that you are unwilling to carry out University work or examinations on Saturdays or on certain other days during the year because to do so would be contrary to your religion or belief as defined in the Equality Act 2010, the University will, to the extent that is reasonable, arrange learning, teaching, and assessment in order to minimise impact on religious practice or belief.
2. It is your responsibility to inform yourself about work which has been done in classes from which you have been absent.
3. If you feel that you have been adversely affected by assessment arrangements, you should advise the Learning and Teaching Service (LTS) via your LTS Hub or, in the case of postgraduate research students, the Postgraduate Research (PGR) Service in writing as soon as possible on receipt of notice of the relevant assessment arrangements. The Learning and Teaching Service or Postgraduate Research Service will then:
 - 3.1. make reasonable adjustments where these fall within their remit; and
 - 3.2. where central timetabling processes are involved, advise the University Assessments and Quality Office of any students requesting special arrangements on religious grounds.
4. However, while the University will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments (which may be, for example, avoiding holding examinations on certain days) the University reserves the right to hold examinations or other assessments on those days if no alternative time is reasonably practicable.