

Interfaith Prayer Space Rules and Guidelines

Access

This space is open from 5:30am-11:30pm. If access to this space is needed outside of these designated hours, please go to the Loyola Residence Desk to retrieve a key to the space.

General Rules

1. This space is intended for prayer and meditation only– please be mindful and respectful of this and ensure that noise levels are kept to a minimum.
2. This space is an Interfaith space where any practices of religion or meditation are welcomed and respected. Please do not remove items such as books, mats, stones, etc.
3. Access to the exit and storage areas must always be kept clear.
4. Respect the privacy of the prayer space and the marked barrier between male and female prayer spaces.
5. Under no circumstances are alcohol, drugs, or smoking permitted in the space.
6. Smudging, candles and incense are not permitted in the space.
7. Interfaith Prayer Space users are permitted to use the adjacent washroom to participate in foot cleansing practices. Please keep the washroom tidy and dry.
8. Absolutely NO SHOES on the carpet
9. Please ensure footwear is placed on the shoe rack and place coats/jackets in the cupboards near the entrance of the space.
10. DO NOT use this space for sleeping.

Maintaining the Interfaith Prayer Space

1. Users are responsible for general tidying-up of the space and removal of garbage. Please clean up the area after eating or drinking, remove all personal belongings when leaving the space and disinfect the area when appropriate.
2. Shoes, coats and/or bags must be placed in the designated shoe racks and storage spaces at the entrance of the space.
3. Furniture in the Interfaith Prayer Space may not be removed from the space under any circumstances.

Event Signage

Signage must not be taped, tacked, or glued to the walls within the Interfaith Prayer Space. Unauthorized signage and posters will be removed.

Stolen Property, Damage, and Improper Use of Space

1. Please note that Saint Mary's University and SMUSA are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please report any issues to **Campus Security at 902-420-5000**.
2. Any damage, leaks, spills or excess garbage in the Interfaith Prayer Space must be reported to **Facilities Management at 902-420-5400**.
3. Please report any improper use of the Interfaith Prayer Space to **Campus Security at 902-420-5000**. Misuse includes breaking any of these guidelines, and any other inappropriate behaviours.
4. In the event of an emergency, please **dial 911**.

Other Prayer Spaces on Campus

Other Interfaith Prayer Spaces on campus available for prayer with limited hours are located in the Language Centre and the Women's Centre located on the 5th floor of the Student Centre.

Questions

For general questions, please contact Student Affairs and Services general email, student.services@smu.ca.

