

## Terms of Use of the Room of Silence<sup>1</sup>

1. The Room of Silence is a place of retreat. Between the hours of 09:00 and 18:00, it is open to all members of the university seeking peace and relaxation or wanting to meditate or pray.
2. Enter the Room of Silence quietly and be mindful and respectful of other visitors. Be sure not to disturb other visitors or their prayers – regardless of your views.
3. Regardless of their religious or philosophical beliefs, users and user groups shall observe the principles of gender equality and of the full and equal participation of women and men; they shall also respect all gender identities. Discrimination of any kind is prohibited.
4. Regular and single prayer sessions or rituals, which must be entered in an occupancy schedule<sup>2</sup> beforehand, are possible between 12:00 and 14:00 from Monday to Friday. Other visitors must be able to enter the room again no more than 15 minutes later. A maximum of three preannounced prayer sessions or rituals may be held each day. The room may then be used by groups for the specified time slot. Visitors may only speak or sing during these reserved time slots. Prayer sessions, rituals and similar events held between 12:00 and 14:00 must be entered in the occupancy schedule at least one day in advance. If three 15-minute events have already been reserved for a particular day, no further events may be scheduled.
5. Please refrain from working, eating, drinking or sleeping in the Room of Silence. Leave the room tidy and refrain from changing anything around. Switch off any mobile phones, notebooks and suchlike, and remove shoes. Open flames and the use of electrical devices are not permitted. Storage compartments for clothing, bags, etc. are only available for use when visiting the room.
6. Cushions and yoga mats are provided by the university. Please return after use. Religion-specific material is provided privately, but may be stored in the cabinets.
7. The Room of Silence is supported by an advisory council. The first port of call is the ombudsperson for Studies and Teaching. We look forward to your response at [ombudsperson@studium.uni-hannover.de](mailto:ombudsperson@studium.uni-hannover.de)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Leibniz Universität Hannover House Rules, as amended, also apply to the Room of Silence.

<sup>2</sup> The occupancy schedule is kept in the Room of Silence anteroom.

<sup>3</sup> In case of an emergency, call the emergency number 110 or 112. The University's central alert centre is on duty at all times, call 762 444024.