

A BRIEF GUIDE
CASE STUDY
ASSIGNMENT

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3,000 WORD CASE STUDY

Provide a critical case study on the dynamics of Muslim interfaith OR intra-faith activity in an area of your choice (discuss your choice with the module coordinator).

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INTERFAITH

CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM

MUSLIM-JEWISH

HINDU-MUSLIM

SIKH-MUSLIM

BUDDHIST-MUSLIM

etc.

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EXAMPLES

HISTORICAL: case study could review interaction at a key event in history, or during a specific phase. For example, Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations in Islamic Spain

CONTEMPORARY: case study could look at dialogue between the Church of England/Wales and Muslim communities in the UK.

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Some suggestions include:

STATISTICAL DATA: populations of different denominations in a location/city (where available)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: key elements associated with the formation of the communities

KEY ISSUES: what are the main concerns associated with interfaith interaction? Who are the key players and organisations? What events have stimulated these developments? Can you provide media examples, documents and publications to evidence these issues?

PROGNOSIS: what, in your opinion, will happen in the future in relation to these developments?

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i.e. between different branches of Islam. This could be related branches of the same tradition (i.e. branches of Shi'i Islam, Sunni Islam, Sufism).

It could be between Sunni-Shi'i, Sufi-Shi'i, Ahmadiya-Sunni etc.

The example may be region specific i.e. intra-faith in a country or city

The example may be *historical* delineating specific issues over a particular time period.

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CASE STUDY - INTRA FAITH

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Key factors

References - if there are insufficient materials, find another case study; demonstrate your understanding of communities through appropriate source materials.

Write in an academic style. Describe the communities. Give a level of depth and granularity to show your grasp of the main issues.

Provide analysis and a conclusion.

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