

113431 - Her school is mixed and her father refuses to let her leave!

the question

I am a student in a mixed university, here in Algeria all universities are mixed. After Allah has blessed me and I wore hejab I feel like I am distorting the image of a Muslim woman who wears hejab by going to a mixed university. It contains nearly 70% males and the rest are females. Sometimes we are obliged to deal with males in projects, and this forces me to talk to them, as sometimes I need things that I must ask them for. I cannot leave university as my parents refuse totally.

Please clarify the limits of talking to men. Am I considered 'forced' because my parents do not agree to me leaving university?.

Detailed answer

In several previous answers we have discussed the ruling on mixing at work and in places of study. Please see the answer to question no. [1200](#) and [103044](#).

With regard to your problem, if you cannot leave school because of your social situation, then you must look for another branch or faculty of the university where the opportunities to deal with males and mix with them will be less, because the basic principle of sharee'ah is that if evil cannot be warded off entirely, then it must be reduced as much as possible.

If you cannot manage to make this change that we have suggested, then you have to observe complete hijab, lower your gaze and be chaste of speech in all circumstances, and reduce the opportunities of mixing with males. If you need something, then ask females for it, and try to work out something with your professor so that your projects will be done with female classmates.

If that is not possible, then it will be your responsibility to be careful and mix less with men; beware of being alone with one of them, even if it is for the purpose of study, and keep your

dealings with males to a minimum. If you are able to refuse to mix with them sometimes or for some work, then do that. Let your dealings be serious and do not let them get to know you or let the conversation go beyond the topic of study.

If you feel that you are becoming fond of someone or he is becoming fond of you, then leave this group and join another, even if your grades fall or your level of academic achievement is affected, within bearable limits.

Ask Allaah to protect you and help you to avoid temptations both obvious and hidden, and seek help with patience, prayer, fasting and remembrance of Allaah (dhikr).

See also the answer to question no. [72448](#).