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Sisters taking classes in Masjid and salaah time comes

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Question: If sisters are taking Islaamic classes in the Masjid downstairs and the musallah is upstairs or vice versa and the salaah time comes in, is it a must for the sisters to attend the Jamaa'ah or can they do their salaah later?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: That which is most appropriate i.e. that which the Muslimah should do if she is in the masjid at that time when the salaah is established, is to pray with the Muslims in Jamaa'ah. If salaah is taking place and she is sitting and talking with other sisters this is not appropriate; rather, if she is in the Masjid when the salaah is being made she should pray with the Muslims in Jamaa'ah.