
What is a Study Group?

A study group is a small group of students taking the same class who meet regularly outside of class time. Members of the study group commit to helping each other be successful by working together. A study group is usually formed and run by the students involved.

The typical study group is three to five students who:

- Are taking the same class (not necessarily at the same time)
 - Are available at the same time outside of class
 - Have similar levels of commitment
- A study group is *not*:
- A substitute for attending class
 - A substitute for studying on your own
 - A way to get others to do your work for you
 - A social group
- Successful study groups:
- Meet 1-3 times per week (may meet more often around test times)
 - Have a regular schedule
 - Commit to being a study group rather than a social group
 - Choose a leader (may change each meeting)

What Does a Study Group Do?

Your study group will decide the best way to work together, depending on the subject and preferences of the members.

Here are some ways that other successful study groups have worked together...

- Review notes to share any information members may have missed in class
- Take turns finding and sharing more in-depth information on class topics
- Have each member be responsible for a section of material and come together to discuss
- Discuss sections of the book or lecture notes
- Quiz each other on class material
- Work through homework together
- Practice working through math problems
- Make and compare study guides or notecards
- Share study strategies
- Practice conversation in a language you are learning

How Do I Start a Study Group?

Choose a starting date, time, and location. The group may decide to change the meeting details later, but have an idea before you start finding members.

Find a location to meet. Possible options include:

- Study rooms in GHC library
- GHC Learning Center
- An empty classroom
- Off campus

Find members:

- Ask classmates
 - Announce before or after class that you are forming a study group
 - Post a sign-up sheet in or near your classroom. Be sure to include date, time, and location of first meeting (or ask students to leave contact information)
 - Ask your teacher to announce it in class
 - Ask students in other sections of the same class
 - Post information on college Facebook page
 - Post information in your class's online discussion board
 - Post an announcement in the GHC Learning Center
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Tired of Studying ALONE?

Form a Study Group!



A study group...

- Creates a set time for studying
- Helps you learn material better by discussing it
- Creates a support system
- Allows you to benefit from the knowledge of other students
- Can be more fun than studying alone!



GHC Tutoring Center

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John Spellman Library
Room 1516

For more information or assistance forming a study group, contact the Tutoring Center.

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