

Study Group Set-Up Questions

Purposeful planning before your group meets can reduce challenges (organization and communication) and help set up your group for success. Consider having a planning meeting before you meet to study together. Working through these questions as a group can be a good starting point for establishing expectations, creating structure and designing a group experience that will work for everyone.

Questions

Your Group's Answers

What is the purpose of our study sessions?

Are we studying weekly to review major concepts? Meeting a week before exams to self-test? Checking in bi-weekly to see what questions we can help each other answer?

What expectations or recommendations, if any, does our instructor have?

Our instructor may have expectations around work done as a group vs. individually. Check in with our instructor so we can meet expectations and make the best use of our study session.

When will our group meet? How often will our group meet, and for how long?

Remember to include time zone information when planning and try to identify a time that works for everyone. Be sure to choose a frequency and length of time that meets your group's needs.

How will we contact each other between meetings or with any updates?

Keep in mind that group members' communication preferences may differ, and be respectful if someone would rather not share personal information (i.e., phone number).

How late is too late to contact each other?

Remember that everyone has varying schedules. Make plans to communicate at times that respect other people's availability.

What expectations do we want to put in place?

Agreeing on expectations for things like communication and distractions can help study sessions go more smoothly.

How should we prepare for the study group?

What should individuals already have done before meeting in order to get the most out of the study session?

What roles will people have in the study session?

Having roles like meeting host, activity facilitator, notetaker, etc., can ensure that the group meets its goals while minimizing technological challenges.



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