

STUDY TIPS

Characteristics of a Successful Study Group

- Each group member contributes to discussions.
- Group members actively listen to each other without interrupting. Only one group member speaks at a time.
- The other group members work collaboratively to resolve any concern raised by a group member.
- Group members are prompt and come prepared to work.
- The group stays on task with respect to its agenda.
- Group members show respect for each other.
- Group members feel free to criticize each other but keep their criticisms constructive.
- Group members feel free to ask questions of each other.
- At the end of each study session, an agenda including specific group member responsibilities is prepared for the next session.
- Above all, the positive attitude that “we can do this together” is maintained.



Possible Pitfalls to Watch Out for:

- Do not let the study group get distracted from its agenda and goals.
- Do not let the study group become a social group. You can always socialize at other times.
- Do not allow group members to attend unprepared. To stay in the group, members should be required to do their fair share.
- Do not let the session become a negative forum for complaining about teachers and courses.
- Do not allow one or two group members to dominate the group. It is important that all members have an equal opportunity to participate.



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