

Remote Study Group Set-Up Questions

Planning intentionally before your group meets to study can reduce communication challenges and set your group up for success. It may be helpful to have a meeting solely focused on planning before you meet to actually study together.

Talking through these questions together as a group can be a good starting point for establishing expectations, creating structure, and designing a group experience that will work well for everyone.

Questions	Your Groups' Answers
<p>What is our purpose for our study sessions? For example, are you studying weekly to review major concepts? Meeting a week before exams to self-test? Checking in bi-weekly to see what questions you can help each other answer?</p>	
<p>What expectations or recommendations, if any, does the instructor have? Your instructor may have expectations around work done as a group vs. individually. Check in with your instructor so you can meet expectations and make the best use of your study session.</p>	
<p>When will our group meet? Remember to include time zone information when planning and try to identify a time that works for everyone.</p>	
<p>How often will our group meet, and for how long? This is likely based on your group's purpose; be sure to choose a frequency and length of time that meets your group's needs.</p>	
<p>How will we contact each other between meetings or with any updates? Keep in mind that group members' communication preferences may differ. Be respectful if someone would rather not share personal information like their phone number.</p>	
<p>How late is too late to contact people? Remember that everyone has varying schedules. Make plans to communicate at times that respect other people's availability.</p>	
<p>What study group norms or expectations do we want to put in place? Agreeing on expectations for things like communication and distractions can help your study sessions go more smoothly.</p>	
<p>How should students prepare for the study group? What should individuals already have done before meeting in order to get the most out of the study session?</p>	
<p>What roles will people have in the study session? Having roles like meeting host, activity facilitator, note-taker, etc. can ensure that the group meets its goals while minimizing technological challenges.</p>	
<p>How will your group plan activities for each session? Remember that learning together works best when you have a clear plan and have chosen specific activities that capitalize on the group format and your collective thinking.</p>	

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