Peer Study Groups

Advantages of Study Groups

- Deepened understanding of material
- Improved note-taking skills
- Utilization of each members’ skills
- Enhanced personal and professional skills
- Shared workload
- Opportunity to hear different perspectives
- Increased motivation to study
- Decreased procrastination

Forming a Study Group

Finding Members: Use your resources to find group members. Friends from class, social media, and bronco mobile are great places to look for study group members.

Group Size: An effective study group will generally have 4-6 members.

Necessary Materials: During your study sessions be sure to have your notes, book, and other materials from class and a computer.

Meeting Location: Be sure to meet somewhere that is conducive for discussion and brainstorming. You can reserve a room in advance at Boise State’s library or the Interactive Learning Center (ILC).

Maintaining a Successful Group

Expect Members to be Prepared: Each member should study before the session and bring questions and comments.

Create a Safe Environment: This includes respecting and encouraging different views, accommodating different learning styles, and offering comments yourself as well as expecting comments from others.

Contribution Should be Equal: Expect each member to participate in the session. Avoid allowing one or two people to dominate the group.

Structure sessions: Refer to the back for some session guidelines.
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The First Session

1. Introductions
2. Set expectations and goals
3. Assign roles (task master, time keeper, note-taker, etc.)
4. Create a basic agenda for the next meeting
5. Establish a meeting time for each session
6. Exchange names and contact information

Following Sessions

Discuss material covered in class (specifically questions from the lecture)
Discuss the required reading
Discuss any areas of confusion and come to a consensus
Brainstorm tips to prepare for the next session
Recap what was learned
Reminders for the next session