Studying With Others

Why study in a group?
Being a member of a group...

- encourages active involvement with the material to be learned.
- gives you a chance to check you understanding of difficult concepts.
- supports you intention to study and keeps your energy focused on learning.

What kind of tasks are best suited for a study group?

Review a lecture of notes helps you...
- fill in topic areas where you notes are weak or non-existent
- check whether your notes are capturing the important details of the lecture.

Review of text book reading helps you...
- clarify areas of confusion.
- determine questions to raise with professor.
- organize information into meaningful charts and study outlines.

Preview/review of assignments helps you...
- brainstorm approaches and resources for completing an assignment
- solve problems in a group and get help on difficult areas.
- compare reactions and results.

Review for major exams helps you...
- predict test questions.
- break extensive material into manageable pieces.
- share responsibility for preparing and conducting a thorough review.

What’s important to remember in getting a study group together?

Study groups work best when you...
- find out what each person wants from a study group.
- decide how you will share group leadership.
- get consensus on a working agenda
- share phone numbers and assign preparation for each meeting
- evaluate the group periodically and recommend changes in tasks and process.
- meet regularly