Tips for Study Groups

1. Limit the group size
   As study groups grow in size, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep everyone involved. Keeping your group members limited to 3-5 students ensures a functional dynamic.

2. Come prepared
   It will be much easier as a group to help each other if each member comes to the session with a list of questions or topics to discuss.

3. Empower each other
   It is a good sign if you seem to grasp concepts of a certain class easier than your other study group members. If so, don’t hesitate to help your fellow classmates out. Studies show that tutor-tutee relationships are beneficial in both directions. In other words, help someone else, and it will help you!

4. Quiz each other
   Quizzing each other on facts and concepts is a valuable way to prepare for an exam. This could also mean designing practice tests together.

5. Work independently but together
   Working as a group does not mean you have an excuse to shut down your thinking cap. If you work hard on your own before meeting as a group, your time spent together will be even more rewarding. Remember, exams are not a group effort; you must master concepts on your own to do well in a course.

6. Form friendships
   Sometimes there is nothing more encouraging or motivating than working alongside a classmate who is going through the same thing as you. We often think that fellow classmates are simply not there to become meaningful friends, but the opposite is true. Genuine connections can leave you feeling more motivated than ever before, and it makes the studying process enjoyable.

7. Stick to a schedule
   Set a time, day, place, and duration of each study session.