

Policies and Procedures for Study Groups

Study Group Policies

1. Groups are established on a first come, first served basis.
2. **All study groups and exam review sessions are subject to tutor availability.**
3. Resources dictate the number of groups available to each department.
4. Groups with consistently minimal attendance may be subject to alternative arrangement or cancellation (i.e. groups may be cancelled, and individual students may be served through drop-in tutoring).
5. Groups may meet **up to** two hours per session and **up to** four hours per week.
6. All study group sessions will be cancelled after 15 minutes if not enough students are present.
7. Groups cancelled twice for “no show” will be officially terminated. Students may begin another group by going through the process again.

Establishing and Conducting Study Groups

1. Students and/or faculty may contact ASAC to request a common day and time to meet on a weekly basis. They may also request a tutor, if one is known to them. If a tutor is not available, faculty may recommend a tutor. **However, AB 500’s mandate for prior Board approval of all new hourly non-student workers and normal processing procedures will delay the start date of the new tutor by 5-6 weeks.**
2. ASAC will locate a classroom or study room whenever possible; at times, faculty assistance in locating a room may be necessary.
3. Unless one student is identified as a contact person, ASAC staff will contact all students listed. If a student is identified as a contact person, that student assumes responsibility for contacting other members of the group with study group information.
4. Study groups meet **outside of/in addition** to class time. **Groups may not meet during class time while instruction occurs.**
5. **All students involved in study groups must adhere to ASAC “Terms and Conditions of Student Use.”**

Tutors’ Responsibilities:

All Study Group tutors will:

1. Take a class on learning theories and tutoring techniques
Non-Credit Option: There is a short term class offered through Community Education; class meetings will be arranged to best meet tutors’ needs. Contact Peter Beshay for more information.
2. Submit timecards and attendance sheets weekly; the sign-in portion is to be completed by students, and tutors are to fill in the information on the bottom of the sheet. Attendance sheets and timecards are required for a tutor to file monthly timesheets.
3. Inform ASAC if the study group has a “no show.” Two “no shows” will prompt a cancelation of the group **by a supervisor**.
4. Inform ASAC if s/he will be absent or tardy. If a group does not meet and ASAC is given advanced notice, the study group session will not be counted as a “no show.”
5. **If students or tutors request changes in a group (days, times, meeting place, etc.), the tutor will submit the request to ASAC for consideration by a supervisor.** If possible, requests will be granted.
6. Attend (paid) monthly, all-tutor meetings in ASAC.

Study Group Application Process:

If you are interested in becoming a tutor, please inquire at the ASAC counter.

Please direct questions to Peter Beshay, Project/ Program Coordinator, Academic Support & Achievement Center: pbeshay@mtsac.edu.