

Study Buddies Vision Statement

The **Study Buddies** system will be used to allow students to create and manage study groups for their courses. Students will be able to form groups ranging from 4 to 8 members to gather and study more effectively. The system will include a chat function with features including read receipts, polls, and a report function that ensures the following of community guidelines, promoting a safe and interactive environment for the students.

Study Buddies will feature various schedule based features, allowing students to view course schedules, professors' office hours, PASS sessions, and other planned study groups. The system will also include resources for courses and allow students to upload and share their own useful content. The content uploaded by Students will be monitored and verified through a separate report feature, that will ensure that the resource is legitimate and follows community guidelines. Students will be able to upload important dates, including those of tests, assignments, quizzes, and exams to **Study Buddies**, with a report function also being available to report inaccurate information from being published.

With the collaboration of Mitch Burnie, students will have the option to create study groups for rooms they have already pre-booked for themselves.

The system will include an authentication for York University Students safety, only allowing those in the York system access to **Study Buddies**. There will be a login system where Students can make accounts as well as passwords to protect their identities on the site, as well as the ability to sign out of their accounts.

There currently is an issue at hand that makes it difficult for students to connect in our school. **Study Buddies** aims to work against that by offering an alternative to finding people in the same position and allowing students to collaborate and study together. The importance of Studying with others cannot be more emphasized and as such, **Study Buddies** brings with it the value of working together.

To determine the success of **Study Buddies**, various factors will be taken into consideration. User usage rate will be one important factor in terms of determining whether the system is deemed successful. Along with the above mentioned metric, surveys will be conducted semi-annually in order to determine Student satisfaction with the system. Guideline adherence will also be a factor of success, with the number of guideline breaches determining whether the system is being used for its actual purpose rather than being abused for unrelated purposes.

Big user stories:

Community and communication		View schedule information and resources	
As a student I want to be able to create a group of a size between 4-8 people to study for a particular course while being able to chat with other students in my course/study group with read receipts and polls. I also want to be able to report unsafe content.		As a student I want to be able to see the course schedule, professors office hours, any PASS session and other study groups that will happen. I want to be able to find and upload resources and useful dates/deadlines that are verified for each course. I also want to be able to report resources I deem unsafe or not useful.	
Priority: Very High	Cost: 30 Days	Priority: Very High	Cost: 16 days

Room Booking		Account Authentication	
I want to be able to make a study group for a room that is pre-booked for me I want to be able to see information on how to book rooms in spots around the Keele campus		As a student, I want to be able to login, logout, and create an account using my York University email to access the website I want to be sure only YorkU students can access this website	
Priority: Very High	Cost: 15 days	Priority: Very High	Cost: 20 Days

Iteration 1 detailed user stories:

Create an Account (Kashif)		Landing Page (Lukasz)	
I want to be able to create an account to access the website		As a user I would want to be directed to a landing page after signing in	
Priority: Very High	Cost: 5 days	Priority: High	Cost: 7 Days

Course pages (Abdullah)		Chat with others (Farzin)	
As a student I want to be able to join a course page		As a student I want to be able to chat with others within a course page	
Priority: High	Cost: 5 days	Priority: High	Cost: 5 Days

View existing course schedules (Marko)		Resources related to course content (Haaris)	
Be able to view course schedules across all sections		Be able to post helpful content related to courses such as links to youtube videos.	
Priority: Medium	Cost: 5 Days	Priority: Medium	Cost: 3 Days

