

# Designing for a More Social Study Experience

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# Problem Space

**Target Audience:** Students at the University of Washington (UW)

A common issue faced by our target audience is that **studying can be an isolating and unenjoyable experience.**

We aim to improve the process of finding study environments and study partners in order to foster collaboration between students and make studying a more enjoyable activity.

# User Research

**Methodology:** Anonymous survey distributed to multiple online communities (subreddits, discord servers, etc.) and UW peers.

## Key Findings

- Respondents are willing to work with strangers who are taking the same classes or from the same department.
- Initiating study or work sessions is more difficult than finding or agreeing to attend one.
- Students feel more comfortable asking questions and bouncing ideas off of each other among their classmates.

# Proposed Solution



**Deliverable:** A utility Discord bot to help students find and coordinate study sessions with their peers.

## Context

- Many survey participants reported using Discord, so we want to build a tool to strengthen that existing community.
- The bot would provide various scheduling and utility features.
- A bot doing the bulk of the work for initiating study sessions would lower the threshold of effort required to find a group to work with.

Any Questions? Feedback? :)