

Challenges

Difficulty finding students with similar classes.

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Lack of communication skills

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Shyness or anxiety in reaching out to new people

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Diverse learning paces and methods

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Uncertainty about the academic goals of potential group members

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User Needs

Ease of Finding Groups:

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A way to quickly identify classmates in the same courses

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Ability to filter peers based on similar goals. (Exam prep, project work)

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Convenient Scheduling:

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Integration of class schedules to find overlapping free time

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Notifications for upcoming study group meetings

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Academic Compatibility:

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Matchmaking based on similar academic interests and goals

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Ability to specify topics of focus (Specific subjects, assignments)

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Communication Tools:

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In-app messaging or discussion boards

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Group video calls

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Potential Features

Search and Filter System:

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Search by class, study goals, or shared interest

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Filter by availability or proximity

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Automated Group Creation:

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Automatic formation of groups based on schedule compatibility and class enrollment

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Suggestion of study partners with similar academic progress

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Collaboration Tools:

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Shared resources (Study guides, notes)

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Real-time collaboration tools (Whiteboards, document sharing)

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Accountability and Tracking:

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Group activity logs (who attended, what was covered)

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Progress tracking for study goals

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Improvement Opp.

An inclusive platform for shy/introverted students to join

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A system that adapts to individual learning (visual learners, note-takers..)

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Support for virtual study groups that can accommodate to remote or off-campus students

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Barriers

Students with conflicting schedules

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Hesitation to join groups with unfamiliar people

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Varied levels of commitment from group members

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