StudyBuddies

Group name: 404 Founders

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Short Description

StudyBuddies is an academic peer support intervention that can be used for student collaboration and knowledge sharing through supportive development in an academic learning environment. It enables students to engage with one another, share ideas within a learning context that supports academic integrity through mentorship opportunities.

Code of Conduct

Purpose

The StudyBuddies platform has been developed to facilitate peer-to-peer support, collaboration, and academic growth and learning in a respectful, inclusive, and supportive environment for all students. By registering with StudyBuddies, you agree to this Code of Conduct.

1. Respect and Inclusivity

Treat others with respect and friendliness despite their differences of opinion, background, or identity.

No racial, gender, religious, ethnic, or disability-based harassment or discrimination; no personal attacks or insults.

Be respectful and create a warm and welcoming environment for all members.

2. Collaboration and Academic Integrity

StudyBuddies is to be used as a tool for learning and growth, not to cheat or engage in other dishonest behavior.

No sharing or requests for test answers, assignment solutions, or other forbidden materials.

Collaborate to generate ideas, explore ideas, and find solutions without violating academic integrity.

3. Communication and Participation

Talk clearly, respectfulness, and constructive feedback. Also, avoid abusive, aggressive, or improper terminology or expressions of any kind.

Be patient in the subjects to be discussed, as well as while answering all kinds of questions, since different persons learn different.

Keep the conversation on topic and ensure your postings are relevant and contribute to the discussion.

4. Privacy and Confidentiality

Respect other members' privacy, and never share personal or sensitive information about them without their permission. Never post screenshots, messages, or other content from StudyBuddies without explicit permission.

5. Reporting and Accountability

If you feel a member is in breach of this Code of Conduct, then please report the incident to the administrators or moderators at StudyBuddies with all haste. Members who fail to conduct themselves within the Code of Conduct may be subject to warnings, temporary suspensions, or removal from the site.

6. Commit to Improvement

Strive for the betterment of your academic skills, along with building your collaboration and support for others.

Give constructive criticism to others, and always listen when receiving feedback.

7. Agreement

By using the StudyBuddies community, you agree to this Code of Conduct and to contributing positively toward ensuring a friendly, supportive, and effective learning environment for all students.

User Personas

1. Olivia Mitchell – The Motivated Freshman

Age: 18

Major: Web Design and Development

Background: University freshman, eager to do well, struggling a bit with adjustment from high school, having a lot of trouble with time management and course assignments that are far more challenging than she expected; very motivated to learn.

Goals & Needs:

Find a supportive group of peers with which to study.

Get help to better understand course materials.

Improve time management and study habits.

Pain Points:

Feels isolated and does not know where to find study partners.

Hesitates to ask questions in a large classroom setting.

Needs organized structure to stay on top of coursework.

How StudyBuddies Helps:

Matching her with peers in her major for study sessions

Providing an environment that is less intimidating for her to ask any question without judgment

Keeping her accountable through the study groups and schedules.

2. Alex Nguyen – The Experienced Mentor

Age: 22

Major: Computer Science

Background: Alex is a senior who likes to mentor others and share his knowledge. He has experience tutoring and believes teaching others reinforces his own learning.

Goals & Needs:

To help younger students be successful while honing his own skills.

To earn leadership and mentorship experience to put on his resume.

To have intellectually stimulating academic discussions.

Pain Points:

Limited opportunities exist to get in contact with students that need guidance.

He would like a formal venue from which to offer assistance without over-investing himself.

Prefers discussion with peers over formal sessions of tutoring.

How StudyBuddies Helps:

Allows him to mentor students by providing structured peer support.

Providing a way to share his knowledge in a flexible manner without the commitment of official tutoring.

Helps him improve his communication and leadership skills.

Ethical Issues

1. Academic Integrity & Plagiarism

Problem: The facility given may lead to a number of cases wherein students might be able to share or request answers related to their assignments, exams, or essays for certain works.

Solution: Clearly articulate policies on acceptable collaboration, moderate the content, and utilize automated plagiarism detection tools.

2. Cyberbullying & Harassment

Problem: The interaction among peers online might lead to the bullying, discrimination, or exclusion of peers.

Solution: Stringent Code of Conduct, moderation tools, and reporting mechanisms have to be in place that can act against inappropriate behavior.

3. Unequal Access & Digital Divide

Problem: All students may not have access to technology or a stable net connection, making some users at a disadvantage.

Solution: The solution can be developing a lightweight platform which can work on numerous devices and offer offline-friendly study resources wherever possible.

4. Misinformation & Inaccurate Knowledge Sharing

Problem: Students may share false information, leading to learning gaps or confusion.

Solution: Provide peer review and fact-checking mechanisms, and allow optional mentor oversight.

5. Exploitation of Mentors & Volunteers

Problem: Advanced students serving as mentors may feel exploited or their efforts undervalued.

Solution: Badges or certificates or recognition through community events.

Meeting Record

Date and Time	29.01.2025 14:00 – 16:00
Project Name	StudyBuddies
Meeting Goal	Agree code of conduct Agree group name Choose project idea
Facilitator	Dmytro Hanenko
Note taker	Dmytro Hanenko
Attendees	**Dmytro Hanenko, Mircea Alexandru, Iqan Ahmed Mohammed, Szymon Klikowicz**
Roundtable Updates (each group member to contribute)	We've divided up the tasks
Discussion points	Sprint 1 tasks

Actions (list tasks and assign a group member)	GitHub repository for coursework set-up and at least one commit from every group member – **Task for each member**
	Product Backlog created and kanban board in Github project created – **Iqan Ahmed Mohammed**
	Scaffolding files added to github and README file customised for your project – **Mircea Alexandru**
	Correct branches for GitFlow workflow created - includes `master`, `develop`, and `release` branches – **Task for each member**
	Each member of the team able to run the development environment using Docker – **Task for each member**
	A single PDF document with: Your group members and group name, Project description refined, Code of Conduct, At least two 'Personas', Ethical issues identified, Meeting records completed – **Dmytro Hanenko and Szymon Klikowicz**

https://github.com/hanenkod/StudyBuddies - Repository

https://github.com/users/hanenkod/projects/2 - Kanban Board