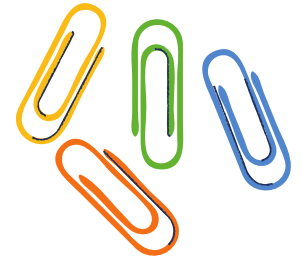


How to Tackle Group Projects



Having to deal with group assignments can be tough, and sometimes relying on other group members can be challenging, but working with others is a key part of life. Next time you're working in a team for Uni, try out some of these useful strategies to help you succeed!

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► Clarify your team's shared goals.

The most important foundation for your team's success is for everyone to share the same understanding of the team's goals.

What is the actual problem you are solving? What will the finished product look like? How much effort is needed from each team member? Make sure you establish these important aspects early on.

Be honest about your expectations, and be respectful of other people's standard of work.

► Trust the process of team formation and healthy conflicts.

Conflict is normal. Every team must eventually confront the same stages of formation and development, and conflict is a likely part of that cycle.

Don't shy away from expressing how you feel. Address the problem, not the person, and work together on the things you can control.

► Meet often and effectively.

Strive to meet regularly with your group. Whether you book a study space or organise focused meetings online, the key is to be aware of what your team is doing, what your objectives are, and to keep each other accountable.



You don't have to become best friends after your assignment, but recognise that it is important to develop the skills to create and maintain working relationships.

► Communicate your strengths.

You can't do everything alone. Communicate and demonstrate your strengths to your team, and appreciate theirs in return.

You'll be able to find your groove, and make the most of your limited time to tackle your group project.

Good luck!