

Where can I study?

Everyone knows that going to class (every time) is the best insurance for good academic results. The next best thing you can do for yourself is to set aside regular study time—about an hour each day for each class, with more time allowed for special projects and exam preparations. Try to make use of breaks between classes and before dinner. You will need to find a quiet, comfortable space with good lighting and few distractions. Does such a place exist? The dorms are often too noisy, but there are many other good places for studying on campus:

Marcucella Hall has several empty classrooms available from 4 to 9pm Monday through Friday. Some of the rooms are used for evening tutoring (which we encourage for everyone), but if you look around a bit you will surely find some empty spaces. Drop-in usage of those empty classrooms does not require a reservation; if you do wish to reserve a room for a special purpose, please contact Stella Walling at x4147. There is also a small lounge area near the vending machines.

The library is usually open Sunday through Thursday until 11pm, Friday evening until 8pm, and Saturday evening until 6pm. For assistance, please call the circulation desk at x4140, or the reference desk at x1149.

Some of the best study space is tucked away on the upper and lower levels of the library:

Private Study Rooms are available on the upper level of the library. At the top of the stairs leading from the library's front desk you will find dozens of individual study carrels and ten study rooms suitable for one-to-eight students each. Although you may always drop by on the off chance that a study room is available, the librarians are also happy to reserve a room for you.

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The Library Study Lounge can be found at the bottom of the stairs leading from the library's front desk. This bright, open space contains three sizable worktables, and a variety of comfortable chairs and couches. While most of the library is off-limits for food and drink, the downstairs lounge contains a break room where snacks are allowed.

The Adventure Recreation Lounge (formerly the Outing Hut) is open for quiet study most Saturdays from 1 to 5pm. This is a casual space with several comfortable couches and lots of windows. It is located across the parking lot east of Edgewood, near the glassblowing studio. Snacks are allowed.

Either of the computer labs would be a great place to work on papers. By using your student logon, you will have access to all of the library's databases, your email, the Internet, etc. You can even print your papers there at no charge.

For a quiet environment, we recommend the lab in Marcucella Hall 218. Although it is used for computer classes during the weekdays, it is open for general student use from 6pm until 1am on weeknights, and from 10am until 1am on weekends.

If you prefer a bit of commotion, try the lab in the lower level of the library tower. It is also open until 1am every night, available for general student use beginning at 8am (weekdays) and 10am (weekends).

Finally, don't forget about the Monadnock Lounge in the student center, which is open until midnight most evenings. It is a good place to meet your classmates for group project discussions.

For more good ideas on ways to make the most of your study time, contact Academic Services at extension 4107.