

# Activities For Study Groups

- **Compare notes.** Make sure you all heard the same thing in class and that you all recorded the important information. Ask other students about material in your notes that is confusing to you.
- **Work in groups of three at a computer to review a course.** Choose one person to operate the keyboard. Another person can dictate summaries of lectures and assigned readings. A third person can act as fact checker, consulting textbooks, lecture notes, and class handouts.
- **Brainstorm test questions.** Set aside 5 to 10 minutes each study session to use brainstorming techniques.
- **Take a mock test and share results.** Ask each group member to bring four or five sample test questions to a meeting. Create a mock test from these questions, take the test under timed conditions, and share the answers.
- **Practice teaching other.** Teaching is a great way to learn something. Turn the material you're studying into a list of topics. Then assign specific topics for each person to teach the group. When you teach something, you naturally assume a teachers' attitude—"I know this" - as opposed to a student's attitude—"I still have to learn this." Also, the vocalization involved in teaching further reinforces your memory.
- **Create wall-sized mind maps or concept maps to summarize a textbook or series of lectures.** Work on large sheets of butcher paper, or tape together pieces of construction paper. When doing a mind map, assign one "branch" of the mind map to each member of the study group. Use a different colored pen or marker for each branch.
- **Pair off to do "book reports."** One person can summarize an assigned reading. The other person can act like an interviewer on a talk show, posing questions and asking for further clarification.