



STUDY ENVIRONMENTS

Where do you do your best studying?

Try these different places to study on campus and discover which ones work best for you!

LIGHTING & TIME OF DAY

Do you study best with bright overhead light or natural light?

Do you study best in the morning, afternoon, or evening?

If bright overhead lights keep your eyes open and your attention focused, then try:

- Clapp Library: 2nd and 4th floors
- Pendleton East: 3rd floor, Atrium, the Well

If you prefer to study where there is natural daylight, try these places in the morning or afternoon:

- Science Library
- Pendleton Atrium
- Knapp Media Center in Clapp Library

Studying in the morning: best for learning new and more challenging material

Late afternoon or evening: best for review and repetition of material

BACKGROUND NOISE

Do you study best when it is absolutely quiet?

Do you prefer to have some background noise or people around you?

If a quiet study area is what you crave, a library should be first on your list:

Art and Music Library: especially quiet with many desks, tables and chairs

Academic buildings: relatively quiet after classes end

If background music helps you concentrate, it can be played through headphones at any location on campus – just remember that your neighbor is studying, too! Music can be played aloud in select locations such as dorms or enclosed study group spaces and at certain times outside quiet hours.

If academic conversation helps, hushed conversations at these locations may do the trick:

the reading room behind the reference desk in Clapp Library

Sage Lounge in the Science Center

If you prefer background noise or social conversation, try:

- Wang Student Center
- The Hoop
- A dining hall

FURNITURE

Do you like to sit at a traditional desk?

Do you like to have plenty of room to spread out?

Do you prefer a comfortable armchair, sofa or bed?

If the traditional desk and chair arrangement is what you like, try:

- Clapp Library:
- 1st Floor (Knapp Center)
- 2nd Floor (Reading Room)
- 3rd Floor (PLTC; the PLTC offers wireless connection and Ethernet hook-ups for laptops, reference materials, study tips handouts, 5 nights a week of drop-in tutoring -- see tutoring schedule on PLTC website)
- 4th floor - Check out the long desk where you can hook up your laptops!
- Science Library: Quiet cubbies are located on the mezzanine and the rear of the library

If you need lots of space to spread out, try sitting at a one of the long tables in:

- Clapp Library
- Science Library
- Art and Music Library (downstairs)
- Pendleton Atrium

If armchairs and sofas call your name, try:

- Res. Hall living rooms and libraries
- The Well in Pendleton East
- Sage Lounge in the Science Center
- Clapp Library (all floors)

Do you study on your bed? Beware of falling asleep! Try sitting in a hardback chair to keep you alert longer than the cushy pillows on your bed.

FOOD & DRINK

Do you study best when you can snack as well?

The best places to study and eat are:

- Wang Student Center
- The Hoop
- Sage Lounge in the Science Center
- Your own room
- Dorm living rooms or large kitchens
- Pendleton Atrium
- Dining Halls
- Off campus locations

Please remember that eating and drinking are only permitted in limited areas of the libraries on campus.

Where and when you study best may change over time. Continue to reflect on what works for you.