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## Tips and Advice for Law Students: *Using Study Groups in Law*

Many students find study groups a supportive and effective means to improve their learning and to do well academically. Here are our suggestions about how to approach study groups and study group tutoring

### 1. To decide if you wish to pursue participating in a study group, consider the following

What is your learning style and what is most effective for you? (e.g., [yark-learn.com](http://yark-learn.com))

When would study group work be most useful for you? If you are struggling to understand course material, perhaps you should have a meeting with an Amicus tutor individually *before* engaging in group study.  
replace individual learning.

### 2. Before meeting with prospective study group partners

Think about what you want the group to help you learn before you meet as a group for the first time.

What can be your best contribution to the study group? (what are your strengths as a learner?)

### 3. In your first group meeting and *before* meeting with an Amicus Tutor

Exchange contact information

Set a limit to membership (2-7 is recommended)

Discuss:

what you each want from the group

ways you will

group member responsibilities (brainstorm how/what you might each prepare/contribute)

chedules/availability

frequency and length of meetings (60-90 minutes is recommended, once a week or every two weeks)

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Make sure you set limits on the amount of time you spend complaining about the course/curriculum better unless it leads to an improved study strategy or increased understanding.