Tutor Assisted Study Groups

If you participate in a study group you feel would benefit from the support of a tutor, we may be able to help! With advance notice, the Math Center can arrange for a math tutor to attend some or all of your study sessions. You can request support for a single session, like an exam review, or request a more regular tutor presence (e.g., every Tuesday).

Who this is for:

- Already formed (or forming) study groups. We won’t form the groups for you.
- Study groups that adhere to a somewhat regular meeting schedule. The tutor will need to plan their schedule around your session(s), so last minute changes or cancellations will make this planning difficult.
- Students enrolled in classes not offering Supplemental Instruction (SI). If you are enrolled in a class with scheduled SI sessions, you should take advantage of those group study sessions.

How a tutor can support your group:

- Keep the group moving forward when it gets stuck
- Help the group stay on track
- Help the group identify areas of struggle that can be used to focus your study
- Make study recommendations based upon your area(s) of struggle

The kinds of support our tutors will not provide:

- The tutor will not plan an agenda or determine the focus of the group. It is the responsibility of the students to identify topics and material to cover.
- The tutor is not a teacher and they will not reteach or lecture on material. They will ask probing questions and direct students to resources that help them answer their own questions.

How to request a tutor for your group:

- Finding and scheduling a math tutor can take time, so please plan ahead and give us at least one week’s advance notice.
- To make this request, email Lindsay Burke at lburke@cascadia.edu with the following information:
  - Your course and instructor
  - Number of students in your study group
  - The days and times your group meets and your meeting location
  - The kind of help you are looking for from the tutor (keeping the group focused, help with a midterm exam review session, etc.)
  - The frequency you would like a tutor to attend your session

Please note that while we will do our best to find a tutor for all groups requesting this support, we cannot guarantee tutor availability. This is especially true for groups in upper division math classes and/or those looking for help with physics or chemistry coursework. We have fewer available tutors in those areas and may not have someone available during your group’s meeting time. We appreciate your understanding.