

## Study Groups

Students will be offered extra credit in the course to organize and participate in out-of-class study groups. This is in line with the instructor's experience that participation in such groups deepens student understanding and mastery of course materials and improves performance on quizzes, exams and papers.

Here's how the study groups work: Each student in the course will be given the opportunity to organize a study group at least once during the term. (The schedule for study-group organization is included in this syllabus.) The student choosing to organize a study group will announce the date, time and location of the study group via the class listserv at [masscomm@simpson.edu](mailto:masscomm@simpson.edu). **This online announcement must take place no later than 11:59 p.m. of the Friday of the week before the study group is to take place.** Please select a location that can accommodate a group of 10 students or more for study groups. A diversity of locations and times is appreciated (sometimes Greek houses, sometimes residence halls and other housing locations, sometimes campus buildings, sometimes off-campus locations such as coffee houses, etc.)

Should a student choose not to organize a study group, the instructor will seek another student volunteer who wishes to organize a group. This will be determined on the Tuesday of the class week during which the study group takes place. The student who passes on group organization may later volunteer to organize a session if another student passes on organizing a group.

Students who organize a study group and fill out the appropriate documentation of the study group (distributed via the course portal) will be rewarded with 2 extra-credit points on their next examination. Students who attend a study group will earn 1 extra-credit point for each week they attend study groups. No student will earn more than 5 extra-credit points per examination by this method.

# **Mass Communication and Society**

## **Group Study Session Report**

**Group Leader:**

**Date/Time/Location of Study Session:**

**Length of Study Session:**

**Signatures of Attendees:**

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| 1. | 7.  |
| 2. | 8.  |
| 3. | 9.  |
| 4. | 10. |
| 5. | 11. |
| 6. | 12. |

**Questions/Issues Discussed at Study Session:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Question We Think Should Be Addressed in Class:**