

Virginia Tech University Libraries

Discovery Teams
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Team Theme/Topic
• Study habits of
individuals

KEY OBSERVATIONS RELATED TO YOUR THEME

(5-6 major trends)



- ❧ Quiet, distraction free study spaces
- ❧ Tables that are large enough to spread out but not so large that other people will sit with you
- ❧ Furniture that is comfortable enough to sit in for extended periods of time but not comfortable enough for sleeping
- ❧ Location, location, location
- ❧ Students liked the variety of spaces that the library has to offer



SURPRISING OBSERVATIONS / COMMENTS

(3-5 unexpected things that you encountered)



- ❧ Students do not want comfortable space – they want study space
- ❧ Only a few students were taking advantage of library services/resources



“WHY THIS SPACE?”



- ❧ Quiet
- ❧ Location/Proximity to class
- ❧ Power
- ❧ Food/Coffee
- ❧ Windows
- ❧ Comfortable (but not too comfortable) furniture
- ❧ Space to spread out



“WHY OTHER SPACES?”



- ❧ Food/ Coffee
- ❧ Bigger Study Carrels
- ❧ Library too crowded
- ❧ Proximity to class



“WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS SPACE?” (or with tools) (activities, process, how are they using the space/tools)



- ❧ Reviewing course notes and lectures
- ❧ Completing course assignments
- ❧ Using:
 - Personal laptops, course software and textbooks
 - Endnote, Scholar, and Google Scholar
- ❧ Reading journal articles
- ❧ Studying for exams and quizzes
- ❧ Taking Online exams



THINGS TO FOLLOW-UP ON (3-5 things that need more research)



- ❧ Feasibility of providing additional power on quiet floors
- ❧ Allowing students to pay cash for printing/copy services
- ❧ Why aren't students using more library resources and services?



JUST FOR FUN (ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO SHARE):

Date & Time	Gender	Year/Class	Major	Location
Thursday at 11:15 am	Female	UG, 2nd Year	Psychology	Graduate Life Center near Au Bon Pain
Thursday at 11:30 am	Female	UG, 2nd Year	Mining & Minerals Engineering	Squires, BreakZone Bowling Alley
Monday at 2:45 pm	Female	UG, 3rd Year	French & History Dual Major	Johnston Student Center, South Lounge
Monday at 3:00 pm	Male	UG, 2nd Year	Accounting	Johnston Student Center, Subway eating area
Thursday at 9:20 am	Male	Grad, 1st year	Civil Engineering	Library, 1st floor, Casino carpet area
Monday at 2:50 pm	Female	UG, 1st year	Biology	Johnston Student Center, upstairs
Tuesday at 7:30 pm	Female	Grad, 2nd year	Aerospace Engineering	Library, 4th floor in the Graduate Study Lounge
Tuesday at 7:20 pm	Female	UG, 2nd Year	Civil Engineering	Library, 4th floor in the Glass Wall study area
Tuesday at 7:10 pm	Male	UG, 1st year	Mechanical Engineering	Library, 5th floor along windows by Grad School
Thursday at 9:10 am	Female	UG, 3rd year	Biochemistry	Library, 1st floor in Study Café
Friday at 3:00 pm	Male	Grad, 4th year	Public Administration	Library, 1st floor in Maps area
Friday at 3:15 pm	Male	UG, 4th year	Computer Science & Math	Library, 5th floor along windows by Grad School
Friday at 3:30 pm	Male	UG, 4th year	History	Library, 5th floor near room 5010
Wednesday at 1:40 pm	Male	UG, 4th year	Finance	Library, 3rd floor along windows by Drillfield
Wednesday at 1:30 pm	Male	UG, 3rd Year	Accounting	Library, 2nd floor in the center of Info Commons
Wednesday at 10:30 am	Male	UG, 4th year	University Studies	Library, 4th floor near vending machines
Wednesday at 10:20 am	Male	UG, 2nd Year	Mechanical Engineering	Torgersen Hall, 1st floor study area
Wednesday at 9:55 am	Female	UG, 4th year	Psychology	Torgersen Bridge near Software office
Thursday at 9:30 am	Male	UG, 3rd Year	Aerospace Engineering	Library, 4th floor in Group Study Room

PHOTOS

