

Find the Best Place to Study

Use this handout to compare three locations where you study. Discover which one is the best fit for you. (Adapted from Raygor and Wark, Systems for Study)

Evaluate your study places

Place A _____ Place B _____ Place C _____

Answer the following True/False questions:

	Place A	Place B	Place C
Other people often interrupt me when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
Much of what I see here reminds me of things that don't involve studying.	T F	T F	T F
I can often hear radio or TV when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
I can often hear the phone ringing when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
I think I take too many breaks when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
I seem to be especially bothered by distractions here.	T F	T F	T F
I usually don't study here at a regular time each week.	T F	T F	T F
My breaks tend to be too long when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
I tend to start conversations with people when I study here.	T F	T F	T F
I spend time on the phone here that I should be using for study.	T F	T F	T F
Temperature conditions here are not very good for studying.	T F	T F	T F
Chair, table, and lighting arrangements here are not very helpful for studying.	T F	T F	T F
When I study here, I am often distracted by people-watching.	T F	T F	T F
Total number of T's			

The place that has the most “true” responses may have too many distractions and might not be the best place to get work done. UT has plenty of places to study, so don't feel stuck in the first spot you try. Explore campus and find an environment that suits you. Try some of these alternative spots:

Name	Location	Name	Location
AIM Reading Room	CBA, 4 th floor	Geology (Walter) Library	JGB 4.202
Architecture and Planning Library	BTL 200	Gregory Gym Picnic Tables	GRG
Benson Latin American Collections	SRH 1.108	Life Sciences Library	MAI 220
Briscoe Center for American History	SRH 2.101	Norman Hackerman Building	NHB, 3-6 th floor
Classics Library	WAG	Mary Gearing Hall	GEA, 1 st floor
Engineering (McKinney) Library	SRH 1.706	Perry-Castañeda Library	PCL, All floors
Engineering Education and Research Center	EER, 0-2 nd floor	Physics Math Astronomy (Kuehne) Library	RLM 4.200
Ernest Cockrell Jr. Hall	ECJ, 1 st floor	Skybridge (between WCP and RLP)	WCP/RLP, 4 th floor
Fine Arts Library	DFA 3.200	Student Activity Center	WCP, All floors
Flawn Academic Center	FAC	The Union	UNB, All floors
Gates Dell Complex	GDC, 2 nd -4 th floor	University Teaching Center Study Nooks	UTC, All floors

Students have also recommended study spots off campus. There are nice local coffee shops, including one in the Alumni Center and a couple along Guad and on Manor Road. Outdoor spaces on campus, such as the patio area between the Union and the FAC, the six-pack lawn, RLP patio, or spots near fountains can be great, as well.

Want to take a nap? Sleep is an important aspect of successful studying! Aside from the 3rd floor of the Union, try the six-pack, the architecture courtyard, spots in the WCP, by the turtle pond, or visit the UHS Nap Map.