How to Conduct a Successful Study Group

Have a Goal
- What do you want to study?
- How much do you want to study?
- How long is it going to take?

Come Prepared
- Come to the group with your own goal in mind
- Bring all of your course materials to the study group with you

Have a Focus
- Have one person take on the role of the teacher, and have them pose questions or problems to the group
- After a few questions have the leader switch with someone else

Example:
I want to have chapter 4 (What) completed in the next 2 hours (How long), with at least 2 sentences for every question (How much)

Quiz Each Other
- Ask your groupmates questions about material from the textbook
- If they are struggling, give them a hint; if they still don't get it, explain the answer in your own words

Challenge Each Other
- Challenge your group members to explain their reasoning and how they arrived at their conclusions
- The goal is to understand the correct answer, not prove your groupmates wrong

Review
- After the study session, take 10 minutes to review what you went over and what areas you missed
- If the group struggled with certain concepts, find a time to go to office hours or bring it up in class

It's easier to choose between goals than to try and come up with one as a group

Being able to defend a point means that you have a very deep understanding of the material