

Best study spots and tips for finding one

Finding a favorite study spot at UNC will pay off during exam week.

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Exams will arrive before you know it, and it's important to know where the good study spots are on campus.

Davis Library, with eight floors of seemingly endless stacks of books, is the largest library on campus. The first floor can be noisy, but there are private study rooms on floors three through eight.

Junior Maribel Portillo, a chemistry and global studies double major, said she prefers the second floor because of the moderate noise level.

"It's the perfect balance of diligent studying and people-watching when in need of a break," Portillo said.

Davis Library is open until 2

a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday during the academic year.

The Undergraduate Library is across the Pit from Davis, and is open 24 hours on weeknights.

If you study better with background noise, the Student Union is a social environment perfect for studying or taking a study break.

Students often visit Alpine Bagel Cafe on the first floor, where they serve everything from pineapple and coconut to garlic bagels.

"It's quiet enough to study but not as strict on noise as the libraries," said Sarah Krantz, a senior biology major.

A new Wendy's will also be opening in the basement of the Student Union this fall.

Many other academic buildings offer study areas or libraries for students in between classes or late at night.

Senior Rachel Stroud, a mathematical decision sciences

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Maribel Portillo,
UNC junior

major, said the third floor of Hanes Hall is one of her favorite study spots.

"A lot of my classmates also study there, so if I am having trouble with a class assignment, my chances are good that someone on the third floor knows how to help," she said.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication, located in Carroll Hall, has its own library — the Park Library. All students, regardless of their major, are welcome to study or use the computers.

However, the Park Library and most classroom buildings on campus have more limited study hours.

Many students say Graham Memorial offers the most comfortable study spot because it has couches, two fireplaces and a Starbucks.

Students often take study breaks by relaxing or napping on one of the couches.

"You might even find yourself serenaded by random piano players," said Haley Smith, a sophomore global studies major.

On sunny days, students should try studying outside on McCorkle Place or Polk Place, usually called the quad.

Studying in your dorm room is always an option, and may offer the most privacy, but branching out to find other places on campus will make studying less tedious.

Often the best study spots are ones students find on their own, but when assignments start piling up these locations are a starting point.

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Sophomore Brett Begin studies in his favorite spot, the Student Union, during the second summer session.

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