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A Beginner's Guide to the Best Study Spaces on UWA's Campus

Adjusting to the pace and expectations of college-level academics can require a complete rethinking of high school habits. But once you master the “how,” you still have to resolve the “where.”

You'll find no shortage of places to work on campus, so your biggest challenge is determining your *own* study style:

- Do you need complete silence, someplace where you'll have no distractions? In this category, a good place to start is the Julia Tutwiler Library. By its very nature, the library will be quiet – and if it isn't, someone else is responsible for policing the noise level. Plus, you can squirrel away in a hidden corner or study carrel for even more seclusion. Added tip: Turn off your wifi connection to eliminate the temptation to check social media while you work.
- If you're willing to be a little more sociable – willing to see other humans without actually interacting with them – consider one of the many academic buildings on campus, like Wallace Hall. You'll find a number of public gathering spaces where you can work quietly but still get in a little people watching between paragraphs.
- Prefer some actual human interaction? Consider studying the Student Union Building, where you may find study groups in meeting rooms or computer labs. While you may not find someone studying your exact subject, chances are, they may have some insight on your course or studying in general.
- If your study sessions absolutely *must* include side conversations and plenty of multi-tasking, you'll want to head over to Young Hall Cafeteria, or consider one of the common rooms in your dorm or apartment building. There's no doubt you'll find plenty of fellow students studying, chatting, listening to music and generally hanging out.

Of course, you'll also find plenty of outdoor spots to study – weather permitting – and even a few nearby places off campus that will work for you (coffee, anyone?). The key is to find the place that works best for you and your studying style, so you can set yourself up for success.