Community Check-in Survey:

What resources do you need that we could help with?

Take our 30 second community check-in and tell us what resources you most wish you had as we get into week two of A term. This will help us know what we can create that will be the most helpful! It’s also a place to let us know how you are, if you’re interested in testing Workday, and ask any questions you might have and share a word you want to see in the Glossary of Academic Terms.

Have an academic question you aren’t sure who to ask?

Email UndergradStudies@wpi.edu or Virtual@wpi.edu.

Communicate and Connect Checklist:

- **Attending office hours is important.** It’s a place for you to ask questions and clarify not only course content but also expectations and course structure. Hear from a WPI student about tips for attending in a 45 second video clip. You can also check out our written suggestions for office hours.

- **Find a virtual study buddy.** We know that finding people to study with when you’re either online or socially distanced can feel challenging. If you’re looking
to connect, try emailing your professor and ask if they can create a course Teams site or a discussion board topic related to finding study partners. Try setting up a weekly call to do homework together.

- **Find an on-campus study space using our new map.** The library and their partners have been hard at working putting together resources to help students find on-campus study spaces. There is an [interactive campus map](interactive-campus-map) where you can take a look at spaces groups or teams can go to work. There is also a list of these spaces here. Keep your eye out for an interactive tool coming to the WPI app as well.

- **Talk to your roommates about Zoom.** No matter if your roommates are your peers, your family, or your cat, have a conversation about times you’re finding you need to focus or have quiet for courses or meetings on Zoom. It's better to talk about this now before midterms.

- **Plan for your first (or second) quiz.** See how you need to adjust your schedule to make sure you have left enough time for studying. It's even more important than ever to also schedule time for something fun. Your brain will need the breaks to process information.

- **Test the new Workday system.** WPI is looking for students interested in helping test the new Workday system for students. If you are interested in participating, please share that in the Community Check-in Survey and let us know there that you’re interested so we can work to schedule your participation. The dates will be toward the end of A term and early in B term.

- **Clarify what terms like synchronous and asynchronous mean in the new Glossary of Academic Terms from Undergraduate Studies.** We would love to have students propose words to add or edits to definitions. Share your idea in the Community Check-in Survey! Thank you for those who already gave input.

**Resources**

Virtual Learning Support -- WPI Canvas (including Online Student Center)  
WPI Zoom -- IT Services & Support -- WPI Hub -- Academic Advising  
Office of the Registrar -- Office of Accessibility Services -- Library  
Writing Center -- SWEET Center -- Office of Multicultural Affairs  
Student Development & Counseling Center -- Career Development Center  
Dean of Students Office -- Student Activities -- WeAreWPI
Tips for Online Learning & Socially Distanced Learning

1. CREATE YOUR SPACE
- Find a comfortable chair
- Set up good lighting
- Gather necessary supplies
- Cut down on clutter
- Minimize distractions

2. MAKE A PLAN
- Establish a daily routine
- Enjoy healthy snacks
- Schedule breaks or study time
- Exercise regularly
- Practice time management

3. GET ORGANIZED
- Check out Canvas Online Student Center
- Watch free classes from professors
- Overload and review your schedule
- Add due dates to your calendar
- Refer to Tips for Online Learning

4. REACH OUT
- Contact professors as needed
- Connect with RA for help
- Create online study groups
- Stay connected with friends
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions

Each week, you’ll receive this email to support and guide you through the process of virtual learning. In the meantime, if you have a question related to academics and are having trouble finding the answer, look at our FAQ page or email us at UndergradStudies@wpi.edu or Virtual@wpi.edu.

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