

## **PAL**

### **Information for participants ...**

Welcome to the Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program. We would like to ask for your help in ensuring that PAL operates effectively, and that the sessions offer the best outcomes both for those who join them and those who run them.

We take this opportunity to remind you of a few important points:

- Inform your study group leader if you are unable to attend a session. You can contact your study group leader through the WebCT page.
- Please let your study group leader know if you are having any difficulty in the session/s you attend. You should also feel free to contact the program coordinator who can aid in resolving the matter, and perhaps assist others who might also be affected.
- If you are no longer able to participate in a session, either because of the timetabling or any other reason, please let your study group leader know. If you no longer need the group, you need to tell us.
- PAL is not a substitute for attending lectures and tutorials. It is an opportunity to engage in active learning sessions led by a fellow student who has recently succeeded in the unit.

**A note about leaders:** PAL leaders are there to facilitate discussion and manage the group. You are welcome to ask questions of the leader, but you should be working as a group, and not expect the leader to simply give answers.

**Contacting your study group leader** is through his or her student email address or through the discussion board on the WebCT page for your PAL unit.

**Changing your study group** is not a problem. The only requirement is that there is a free space in the study group you wish to join. Your study group leader will be able to change your group for you through WebCT. Just let your group leader know the new time (which you can find out on your WebCT page) and the change will be made. You can also turn up at a different session on the off chance there is space and the study group leader will add you to that group and withdraw you from your original group.

**Evaluation:** All participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience in PAL at the end of the semester. This feedback will be valuable in modifying the program in future years. However, if you have any comments you wish to make about the program or your group you should feel free to pass them on to the PAL program coordinator at any time during the semester.

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