Chapter Study Table Tips

Many chapters use study tables for their academic programs. Some chapters require members to attend a certain number of hours within the week. Study tables are a great way to promote scholarship in the chapter, but they are not always used effectively. Below are some great tips on how to make study tables more effective.

1. Define who is responsible for study tables. These individuals are usually Vice President of Scholarship, Scholarship Chair or committee member.
2. Set dates and times for study tables. Have multiple and varying days and times throughout the week for members of the chapter to come to the study tables. This allows the chapter to reach more members.
3. Reserve spaces on campus centered on studying. Not all places on campus are good places to study. Try using libraries and classrooms that have tables in them. Studying in large open spaces with lots of people is not conducive to learning.
4. Get chapter members that share the same major together in groups. Members can help one another by sharing notes and supporting one another.
5. Don’t play music with words in chapter study tables. The words distracts members from studying. If people want music or background noise to be played try using classical music.
6. Make it fun! Study tables do not have to be boring affairs. Some ideas for fun events are as follows.
   - Have a surprise snack of the day.
   - If members are logging hours, group them together and have them encourage one another to get as many hours as possible. Give the group who has the most hours at the end of the week, month and/or semester acknowledgement.
   - If anyone attends 2/3 of the scheduled study tables on a random week will be given a prize.
7. Have sign in sheets at every study table and someone there to oversee the area. This will helpful to track how many members are at study table. These sheets can also be used to fill requirements for the Greek Standards and Awards Program.