Working Effectively in Groups
Ideas you may have about group work:

- Oh, no, not group work!
- I HATE group work!
- WHY do we have to do group work?
Questions prospective employers NEVER ask:

• What is the student’s GPA?
• How did the student score on your exams?
• How well does the student know the content in the major?
• How well does the student work on the computer?
• Can the student write well?
Questions prospective employers ALWAYS ask:

- Does the student work well with others?
- Does the student cause conflict with students in a group setting?
- Does the student actively work to resolve conflict when working with students in a group setting?
- Does the student do his or her share of the work in a group setting?
- Does the student meet deadlines?
- Does the student attend all classes and meetings?
- Is the student habitually late to classes and meetings?
Be aware of the following:

• You are working in a group with COLLEGE students. Change your expectations.
  • They typically start their work late at night.
  • They typically procrastinate so they are not usually working ahead of time.
  • In ALL group work, you will probably have a member that does not deliver. What should you do?
When you are first assigned to the group, exchange email addresses and cell phone numbers.

1. Text or email the delinquent student and ask when the material will be ready.
2. If no response, email again and copy the entire group.
3. If no response, email again and copy the professor.
Remember: your schedule may not line up with the schedule of a college student. You may have to adapt to a typical college schedule.
Questions???