TAEC Summer 2021: Accountability Partners Program

Welcome, UO students! If you’re planning to finish work for Incomplete (I) grades over the summer, we invite you to take part in our trial Accountability Partners program. This new program connects students working on Incompletes with small groups of peers so that everyone can check in and hold each other accountable for work on a regular basis.

Please see below for policies and tips before signing up.

WE (TAEC staff) will...

- Collect the names and contact information of interested students.
- Try our best to connect you with students who match your situation in some way (e.g. STEM students, students working on essays, etc.), if possible.
- Supervise the program and troubleshoot any issues.
- Be available during the summer for questions and appointments.

YOU (participating students) will...

- Exchange emails with your group & any other contact info you all agree upon.
- Set personal, individualized milestones and deadlines for your work.
- Commit to checking in at least once a week as a group to update each other on how it’s going.
- Maintain respectful, friendly communication with your peers.
- Update us ("sign out" of the program) when you’re finished with your Incomplete projects.

Tips for Maximizing This Program

- Introduce yourself to your group early and stay in touch frequently.
- Set personal goals for each week and share them at your weekly check-in.
- Check in at least once a week with your group via email or other method. Share both your struggles and your successes—for example, word counts/pages written, units studied.
- Be supportive, generous, and friendly to one other.

Frequently Asked Questions (Read me first!)

Can I have an Accountability Partner if I’m not working on an Incomplete?

We are hoping to extend this partner program / writing group program to more students in future quarters, but during this summer trial run it is limited to students working on Incomplete grades.

Can I request to be in a group with someone else?

The goal of this program is to connect students who cannot find accountability partners through other means. If you already have a specific person or group of friends you like to work with, this may not be the best fit for you.

Can I request to swap groups?
TAEC staff is not responsible for the success of each group—basically, you will get out of this what you put in. It is our hope that everyone will participate fully in each group, removing the need for students to swap. However, if you encounter serious issues, please let a TAEC supervisor know.

Do I have to sign up for the whole summer?

No – you probably want to finish your Incompletes as soon as possible, so when you’re done with your work, you no longer need to participate.

If I finish my work for the Incomplete class, do I have to stop talking to my group?

Of course not! If your group works well together, we encourage you to continue working as accountability partners after the end of the program / as long as you all want to do so.

What if my partners finish their work before I do?

Although some groups may choose to continue working or studying together even when their Incomplete assignments are finished, if your groupmates all finish before you do and you want to be reassigned to another group, contact TAEC supervisors.

What other resources can I use throughout the summer?

The TAEC will be offering a dedicated Writing Time Zoom Room this summer for Incomplete work. We also encourage students trying to plan out Incompletes to meet with the TAEC Learning Specialists towards the start of the summer to build a strategy for approaching unfinished work. Check out our Incomplete Support page here: https://engage.uoregon.edu/incompletes

The TAEC will also be offering limited tutoring in writing and math throughout the summer, open to all UO students. https://engage.uoregon.edu/tutoring/