USING STUDYMATE
IN YOUR MOODLE SHELL
Discussion Notes

StudyMate is a program inside of Moodle that your students can use to practice the terms they have learned. One of the great things about StudyMate is your students can go to their iPhone or Android store and download the app to their phone or tablet. Students really like being able to study using their phones.

There are three options in StudyMate. There are Fact Cards, Terms/Definitions, and Multiple Choice.

StudyMate, like all tools, has some great options, and some not-so-great options. I use the Term/Definition option on StudyMate.

While the multiple choice questions can be fun and useful, it takes a lot of time and energy to input, so I don’t use that. I have no use for the fact cards. The students also haven’t seemed too impressed with them.

There are three ways to input information into StudyMate
1. Respondus
2. Have your students type in the information.
3. You type in, or copy and paste the information.

StudyMate is linked to Respondus. But, in my classes, the Respondus support for StudyMate is weak. It may be better for your texts.

I use copy/paste to copy the terms and definitions out of the glossaries I find on the publisher’s Website.

StudyMate can be graded or not graded. I have had the most success giving the students 5 points if they complete 2 activities. I can’t see how they did on their activities, I can only see if they have completed them.

You can also see how many terms students have added if you have the students add the terms. I usually don’t do that, but have heard others have done that successfully.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, after you have loaded the terms into a chapter in StudyMate, you want to export the file. The terms won’t automatically carry over to your next semester. I have had occasional glitches where I have had to delete a StudyMate activity. But, it was no problem because I had exported the terms and it is easy to simply import the file.

After your StudyMate has been loaded with terms and definitions, the students are able to choose from a range of activities including crossword puzzles, flashcards, and matching.

They can do this on the computer, or on their phone/tablet. They really like it. In my accounting class, my test scores improved, and my retention improved.
STUDENT GUIDE TO USING STUDYmate

Every Chapter has terms and vocabulary. To assist you in learning this, there are flashcards and games in a program known as “StudyMate.”

You can use StudyMate on your computer in Moodle, or on your smartphone or tablet. To use StudyMate simply click on the link provided in Moodle for each chapter.

To earn points, you need to complete at least 2 StudyMate activities.

Because phones and tables sometimes don’t sync properly, Students find they are most successful when they do two activities on their computer, and do additional practice activities on their phone or tablet.

The first time the program is used, it may take a minute to upload the vocabulary to the program. So be patient.

You will see the options of flashcards, crosswords, and other games related to your vocabulary.

***To get credit for completing your assignment, you must participate in AND COMPLETE at least 2 StudyMate activities. You may do more than 2, but you must do at least two.***

Sometimes, there are so many vocabulary words that it will give you 2 or three pages for each game. You must do all of the pages.

You are graded on completing at least two assignments. You may repeat any activity as many times as you like until you get a perfect score. Things like commas and apostrophes will probably not carry over to the games, so don’t panic if you get one wrong because of an apostrophe. Don’t worry about it. There will be no spaces between words in the crossword puzzle.

I manually grade Studymate, so you won’t immediately get a score.

STUDYmate On IPHONE, IPAD, ANDROID PHONE or ANDROID TABLET

StudyMate is an App you can download to your phone, IPad, or Tablet. You will find it in your App Store. After you download the App, select your college (It is Shasta), and select your Server (online.shastacollege). It is probably the second one listed. Log in using your Moodle user ID and password. Give it time to sync. After it syncs you will be able to do your class actives on your phone or tablet.

WARNING: After you finish your activity, be sure to go back to the sync page on your phone or tablet. If you don't sync with the class, I won't know that you completed the assignment. We have had several problems with this - especially with the android phones. You may want to do at least 2 activities on your computer, where we know it will sync, and then additional practices on your phone or tablet.
Click on Add Resources

Click on StudyMate Class

Type a Title and Description

The Opening Screen Looks Like This

Three Options, I choose Term/Definition in the Middle

Use CTRL C and CTRL V to Copy and Paste from Publisher Resources
Add Your Terms and Definitions

Enable Grading

Name Your Item and Give Points

Grading – I give points for 2 completed activities

Keep Your Data Safe. You may have to reload your terms.

Export Chapter 1 two times, then the rest will be numbered properly