Tips for the herd

Claim your space
Use this door hanger to let your family and roommates know when you are in class or studying and need your privacy. Try not to study in bed, otherwise you may end up taking a nap!

Get organized
A little structure in your day will help you feel more in control. Spend a few minutes at the start of each week to plan out when you will complete your assignments. Use your VCU Google Calendar to block off your time and Google Tasks to keep track of your daily tasks, organize multiple lists, and track important deadlines.

If you need help getting organized, please make an appointment with an Academic Coach in the CLC.

Block your distractions
Online learning brings online distractions. Luckily there are many apps that can help you stay focused on completing your assignments. Try StayFocusd, FocalFilter, or LeechBlock.

Divide and conquer
Break up your studying into smaller blocks of time. You'll learn more if you build structured breaks into your schedule. Study for just 25 minutes at a time - and then take a break for 5 minutes. Repeat three more times, and then take a 15-30 minute break. You can do anything for 25 minutes!

Another great way to break up your studying is to attend a peer-assisted SI study session.

Let us help!
Student Success is here to make sure you finish this semester strong. Use Navigate to make an appointment with the Writing Center, get Tutoring, or meet with your Academic Advisor.

Find even more tips for learning online at the VCU Campus Learning Center website.