

# Frequently Asked Questions about Supplemental Instruction (SI)

## What is SI?

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of weekly review sessions for students taking historically difficult courses. SI is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades.

Attendance at sessions is voluntary. For you, the student, it's a chance to get together with people in your class to compare notes, to discuss important concepts, to develop strategies for studying the subject, and to test yourselves before your professor does, so that when he/she does, you'll be ready. At each session you will be guided through this material by your SI leader, a competent student who has previously taken the course and attends lectures with the rest of the class.

## What's an SI leader?

Have you ever wished you could do something over, knowing what you know now? SI leaders are students themselves and are prepared to share with you what they have learned over the years about how to study. They know the course content and are anxious to help guide you through it. They'll be in class with you every day, hearing what you hear and reading what you read. What they won't do is lecture; their job is to help you think about the lectures you hear and the books you read, and then put it all together during the SI review sessions. SI can help you learn course material more efficiently.

## When do SI review sessions start?

The SI leader will set up one or more review sessions each week at times that are best for the majority of students taking the class. These sessions will begin the second or third week of the semester. SI review sessions are informal. Bring your notes; bring your textbook; bring your questions.

## What's in it for me?

If you attend SI sessions regularly, chances are you'll earn a better grade. You'll have developed a better understanding of course content as well as more effective ways of studying. This will help you in other classes as well.

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