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.

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?
On the first day of class, the SI leader will inform you of the scheduled SI session. If the time works for the majority of students in the course, the time will remain. If the time does not, the SI leader will then work to find another time/place for the session. You can attend one, two, or all three (the choice is yours) and each one will be different because you’ll have new material to discuss. 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 also.
SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

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SI RESEARCH

- SI participants earn higher mean final course grades.
- SI participants receive lower rates of D, F, and W grades.
- SI participants persist (re-enroll and graduate) at higher rates.

Chinese Proverb

Tell me, and I forget
Show me, and I remember
Involve me, and I understand

MEAN FINAL GRADES OF SI AND NON-SI PARTICIPANTS SEPARATED BY INSTITUTION TYPE

Percent of A & B Final Course Grades
Data separated by institutional type

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