

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INSTRUCTION**

Study sessions
for tough courses

INVEST IN

SUCCESS

TAKE THIS QUICK QUIZ

I teach a course that has ...

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Large class enrollment.

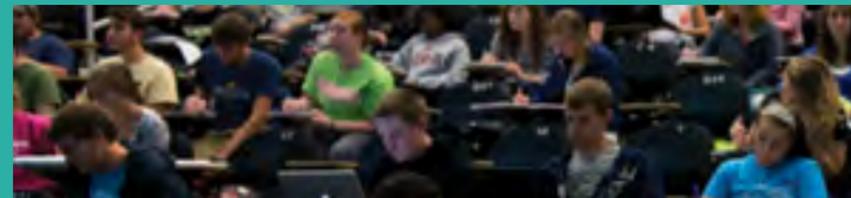


Historically difficult material.



Potential for students to benefit by attending study sessions.

If you answered “True” to any of the above — consider Supplemental Instruction (SI) as a course of action.



WHAT IS SI?

In a nutshell, SI is a peer-mentoring program that targets difficult classes. Smart, savvy students who have previously taken the courses run study sessions outside the classroom. SI works — Purdue data indicates that students who take advantage of SI earn better grades. In fact, 95% of the students who attended eight or more sessions earned a grade of C or better.

- **Involves weekly study sessions run by SI student leaders.**
- **Targets high-risk courses.**
- **Includes instructors in the process.**

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VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

“Offering Supplemental Instruction for difficult courses gives students a potential leg up to succeed. Our goal is to improve retention and completion, but we want students to learn more and learn better overall. SI helps us achieve these aims.”



**1 HOUR
OF SI
EQUALS
2 HOURS
STUDYING
ALONE**



JOHNNY E. BROWN
PROFESSOR · MATHEMATICS

“Students are keenly aware that our SI leaders recently took these courses and were very successful in them. This gives our SI leaders a unique perspective and insight that my students understand, appreciate and make good use of.”

THE SI TEAM

The SI coordinator, student leader and faculty all work together for student success.



FACULTY

The SI program has been designed to minimize additional faculty time commitment. On average, this includes:

- Promote SI study sessions** **2 min.**
 - **CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT.** Since SI attendance is voluntary, it's important to let the SI leader speak for a few minutes at the beginning of your first or second lecture to promote the study sessions.
 - **ENDORSEMENT.** Include SI session information in your syllabus and verbally endorse the session at the beginning and throughout the semester by displaying a PowerPoint slide with session times prior to class. Provide SI leader a few minutes at the beginning of class to make weekly announcements.

Meet weekly with SI leader

10-30 min.

Briefly discuss with your SI leader what took place in the session and share ideas on how to present difficult subject matter.

Interview and help select your SI student leaders

Optional

SI IS
ACTIVE IN
2,000
INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER LEARNING IN
30 COUNTRIES





SI IS
FREE
FOR STUDENTS

THE SI TEAM



STUDENT LEADERS

In small, informal groups, SI leaders provide the tools students need to find answers on their own and gain confidence.

SI leaders

- Attend each lecture and take notes.
- Design creative lesson plans based on material emphasized in lectures, homework assignments and exam objectives.
- Hold two or three study sessions a week.
- Meet with professor/instructor weekly for feedback.
- Encourage students to attend SI sessions.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR

Through Student Success Programs at Purdue, Supplemental Instruction has grown to be a vital component of enhancing existing curricula to foster student success.

SI coordinator

- Designs, implements and coordinates SI program.
- Recruits SI leaders.
- Manages the day-to-day operations of the program.
- Tracks attendance and progress of students participating in SI study sessions.



REBECCA TRAX

CONTINUOUS TERM LECTURER - MANAGEMENT

“The quality of SI leaders is impressive. They are mature and take their job very seriously ... I trust them with a lot of information.”

DAVID BOS

CONTINUING LECTURER · BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

I love that students often lose track of time during SI sessions and wind up studying and participating in activities with their leader for almost two hours (or until someone else kicks them out of the room).

**MAXIMIZE
STUDENT
SUCCESS**

**Discover how easy it is to establish
Supplemental Instruction as part of
your course and help students succeed.**

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