Supplemental Instruction (SI)

What is SI?  Supplemental Instruction is a peer-led learning program that helps students enrolled in a tough course, master the material in a small group setting. An undergraduate student who has done well in the SI-linked course, or who has tested into higher levels of that subject, attends the lectures and holds two or three study sessions each week designed around the lecture and assignments.

Do I have to enroll in SI?  Attendance is voluntary! The weekly sessions are open to anyone enrolled in the course. Attend the sessions that fit your schedule!

What does it cost?  Nothing. It’s FREE! Just show up at the sessions with your text and notes, and swipe your ID card or text the number requested on your cell phone. (Tutoring is normally $15 – 25 per hour.)

What if I don’t have time to go to sessions?  SI actually saves you time! Students say that one hour of guided study time with an experienced leader is equal to two to three hours of trying to “get it” on your own. Moreover, students get great study tips from the leader and each other.

How will it benefit me?  Students who attend sessions on a regular basis usually earn a half to a whole letter grade higher than students who do not attend sessions. Consequently, those who attend have a better understanding of the course content.

Do only struggling students attend SI?  All levels of students come to SI. You can look at it as a way to pass the course, or as a way to get the most you can out of it and earn the highest grade possible. Exceed your expectations with SI!

How will I know when the sessions are?  The SI leader will announce the session times in lecture during the first week of class. You may also go the website: www.purdue.edu/si

SI-Linked Courses for Fall 2012:  MA 153, 161, and 162; BIO 203, 110; PHYS 172; CS 159; MGMT 200; STAT 113; CHM 115, 116