

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

FAQ

What is Supplemental Instruction (SI)?

- Supplemental Instruction targets historically difficult courses with high drop, fail, or withdraw rates.
- Rather than targeting specific demographics, SI is designed to support all students in the course, regardless of their academic performance.
- SI leaders are student employees that cover broad content and study skills rather than homework problems or specific questions. This helps the students become more proficient in their learning and encourages self sufficiency rather than simply passing a course.

How do I know if my class has SI? How do I find schedules if I want to attend SI sessions?

- The SI leader in your class will be present and active in communicating with your class. They speak before lectures begin, post information about session schedules and content on Canvas, and send reminder messages to students about sessions.
- Every SI leader communicates their schedule differently. You can contact them personally, or refer to previous Canvas posts or messages they have sent out. The messages should include when sessions are (they are 3-4 times a week) and what they're covering during the session.
- You can find updated information on either the Math Lab SI webpage (search UVU Math Lab Supplemental Instruction) or the Academic Tutoring webpage! Humanities, business, and science courses will be found on the Academic Tutoring page, and math

courses will be on the Math Lab page.

My class doesn't have SI, but another class does. Can I go to those sessions? Can I go to sessions with a different SI leader than the one in my class?

- Yes! You can go to any sessions regardless of which class section you are in. As long as you are enrolled in the course subject (i.e. BIOL 1610, ZOO 2340, PSY 1010) you can attend any SI session that is available, even if it's with another SI leader.

Why should I attend sessions?

- Research studies have proven that students who work actively with course content in collaborative groups generally earn better grades and perform better in their courses. This research was used to create the SI program. It's inherently designed to benefit students and build excellent foundations for their academic pursuits.
- Here are some benefits you can expect from participating in SI sessions:
 - An informal atmosphere where you should feel comfortable asking questions and learning with others.
 - A guided group study session that stays on task and is created in conjunction with faculty to focus on the most important content and beneficial study skills.
 - You'll learn from your peers, gain other perspectives and learn from different teaching styles, review your notes, and cover course content so that you can be successful in your courses.

- You'll gain transferable study skills that will be useful in other classes. Your SI leader is someone that has taken the class before and done well, so they will be able to provide you with methods that contributed to their success in their SI course and others.

- Many SI leaders are students who previously utilized SI sessions and found them to be very beneficial.

What can I expect from SI sessions?

- SI sessions are an hour long and are held 3-4 times a week. Imagine a group study session, but prepared and led by someone responsible for keeping everyone on task.
- The SI leader has already planned guided learning activities for groups to study in a structured way.
- You can expect to use notes, textbooks, and peers to work through these guided activities and cover important concepts from class.
- Don't expect to complete your homework or class assignments during sessions! Rather, you'll cover the content you and your peers are struggling with so that you're able to complete your assignments on your own outside of class and sessions.

How can I prepare before sessions?

- As mentioned above, you'll use notes, textbooks, and your peers as learning tools. In order for sessions to be most effective, you should be familiar with the content you'd like to focus on.
- You should already be familiar with this content before coming to the session so that you can fill in the gaps and make connections. Additionally, you'll be able to contribute to the session since you'll be working with peers. If you're not familiar with the content, you won't be able to participate as much with others in the session, and you won't be as familiar with what you need help with.
- Your SI leader wants you to get the most out of your time! Please make sure to bring your notes and other study materials, and

be prepared to focus on guided activities for the hour.

How do I become an SI leader?

- We're always looking for applicants! We hire at the end of each semester (i.e. apply at the end of fall to be an SI leader in the spring, and vice versa). Please look for the application links in [uvu.jobs](https://uvu.edu/jobs) or search "UVU Supplemental Instruction" and complete the application for the subject area you're interested in.

- In order to qualify to be an SI leader for a course, you have to earn a B or better in that course.

- For questions, please contact the SI Coordinator, Aubrey Ryan, at Aubrey.Ryan@uvu.edu.

Have more questions?

- If you have any questions about the SI program, feel free to contact Aubrey Ryan (SI Coordinator) at Aubrey.Ryan@uvu.edu.