

# **Supplemental Instruction Program**

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **1. What is the supplemental instruction (SI) program?**

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions are scheduled group meetings in which SI Leaders (who are academically successful Buffalo State students) help students in the SI course review notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, and prepare for assignments and examinations. Courses that included SI time have a required additional hour built into students' schedules.

### **2. What are the benefits of enrolling in an SI course?**

Being in an SI class will help you be better prepared for exams, quizzes, & homework, have challenging course material reinforced, and collaborate and engage more with your peers.

### **3. What does the data say about how students enrolled in an SI course perform?**

Students who attend SI sessions every week throughout the semester earn on average a half to a full letter grade higher than those who attend no sessions.

### **4. What is the time commitment for an SI course?**

The SI sessions are scheduled 50-minute weekly lab sessions that are set up before you register for the course. When you enroll in course that has an SI lab session attached, the lab session will also appear on your schedule with details about the time and place of the meetings.

### **5. Does it cost more to be in an SI course?**

No! The SI sessions are completely free to students.



**6. Do I receive any extra credit for being in an SI course?**

No. The content for the Supplemental Instruction course is based on the content from your lecture course and as such is integrated into the overall course grade rather than as an extra credit.

**7. Does attendance at the SI sessions impact my overall grade in the course and are the sessions mandatory if I am enrolled in one of these courses?**

Yes. Attendance at the Supplemental Instruction classes make up 10% of your course grade. Students who attend SI regularly find that this increases their course grades.

**8. Will I receive extra homework for the SI sessions?**

No. All the work you will be required to do for an SI course will be completed during the session and you will have no additional work outside of the sessions to complete.

**9. What will I do during the supplemental instruction sessions? Are there new things to learn?**

During SI sessions, you will not learn any new content. Your SI leader will select tricky topics from the week prior in the lecture course and will reinforce and answer questions about these topics. Supplemental Instruction Leaders will create opportunities for you to work on difficult content individually and in groups through interactive activities such as worksheets and games.

**10. How do I enroll in an SI course?**

To register for a Supplemental Instruction course, please contact your advisor or visit the Supplemental Instruction program website at:

<https://academicsuccess.buffalostate.edu/supplemental-instruction-0>

