

## **Supplemental Instruction**

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#### **What is it?**

Learning assistance designed to support students enrolled in basic skills classes; designed to assist students in mastering course concepts as well as improve study skills; designed to enhance classroom instruction

#### **How does it work?**

- SI leader attends 1-2 classes per week, depending on # classes held in a week, of the same course with the same instructor.
- SI leader plans interactive learning activities that integrate study strategies with course content.
- Prepares handouts relevant to class instruction to be covered in session
- Coordinates with primary course instructor, using course materials as basis for instruction, and provides course instructor with feedback
- Collaborative learning methods
- Ss work collaboratively with peers in a facilitated environment
- Set number of hours/week
- Regularly scheduled (variety of times) facilitated study sessions by short-term IAs/SI leaders
  - 2 50-minute sessions/week scheduled at times when a majority of Ss can attend

#### **Who are the students who attend?**

- Could be students from one section meeting with IA or students from any session of same course
- Attendance is voluntary.
  - Incentive: Free learning assistance, higher grade
- Could offer SI as .5/1 unit required course as add-on to basic skills courses (addressing high-risk courses rather than high-risk students). For example, LSKL 826 would be the add-on to Engl 826; LSKL 836 the add-on to Engl 836, etc.

#### **What is the content of the instruction?**

- Reinforce concepts of primary course content (what to learn)
- Supply study strategies to promote learning (how to learn)
  - Work on effective reading strategies, vocabulary, in-class writing strategies, etc. to enhance classroom instruction
- Group learning of material
- Review sessions

#### **Training**

- SI leaders are provided with training
  - Need training course

**Why have SI?**

- Increases retention and success
- Provides time outside of class for structured, guided instruction
- Reinforces instruction/concepts learned in class

**Gather data on following:**

- How many Ss attend SI sessions
- Grades of Ss using SI vs those not using it
- Other