Students helping students achieve their academic potential.

Students’ comments about SI:

“My SI Leader was great! She broke down the overwhelming subject matter into bite size pieces. She gave us strategies for helping us understand and apply information on the tests.”

“My first test score was an F. I went to SI, and my second score was a B-.”

“I thought the SI Leader did a great job. He was not only effective at teaching the concepts and ideas in fun ways, but he was also friendly and approachable. His review before exams and practice tests were especially helpful.”

For more SI information:
Updates are posted on our website, including information about:

Courses with SI

Days and times of SI sessions

Announcements about sessions

Handouts

Leader application information

Links to additional academic resources

www.si.iastate.edu

Peer Facilitated Study Sessions
www.si.iastate.edu

Supplemental Instruction
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www.dso.iastate.edu/asc
What is SI?
The Supplemental Instruction program focuses on peer facilitated study sessions for selected difficult 100-200 level courses. SI creates opportunities for you to work collaboratively with your classmates to solve problems, compare notes, discuss readings, develop academic skills, and prepare for exams.

Is SI part of my final grade?
No, participation in SI is voluntary. SI is often encouraged by instructors, but instructors do not consider SI participation in grading.

How are instructors involved?
Instructors are supportive of students attending SI. They typically refer students to SI, and often provide information to SI Leaders (such as practice exams) used to develop SI sessions.

Who facilitates SI sessions?
SI sessions are facilitated by students who have completed the coursework and have demonstrated competency in the subject. These students, known as SI Leaders, attend lectures with students, ensuring complete awareness of course material prior to each SI session.

Why should I attend SI?
Research at Iowa State University and at over 600 institutions around the world consistently show the following:

Students who participate in SI earn higher course grades than students who do not participate.

Of the students who participate in SI, those who attend regularly earn a higher final grade or higher exam grade than those who attend only a few times.

Students also frequently state that activities in SI sessions improve long-term knowledge retention.

How much does SI cost?
SI sessions are FREE! SI is supported by a variety of academic programs and student services.

How often are SI sessions scheduled?
SI sessions are scheduled at least three times per week. At the beginning of the semester, SI Leaders survey students in courses to determine the best days and times to schedule SI sessions.

Why is SI offered for only certain courses?
SI targets courses that have large lecture sections, have large amounts of readings, and have exams focusing on application and analysis. Often, these courses are foundation courses required in an academic major.

SI is designed to help you understand what-to-learn and how-to-learn. The skills and knowledge you gain from attending SI sessions can be transferred to other courses of study.

SI is not a substitute for attending class or meeting with an instructor.