

STEM Online Supplemental Instruction Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Supplemental Instruction?

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic support program that targets historically difficult courses. SI is a non-remedial approach to learning enrichment that increases student performance and retention. SI offers regularly scheduled, out-of-class review sessions to all students enrolled in a targeted course. SI study sessions are informal seminars in which students review notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and prepare for examinations. Students learn how to integrate course content with reasoning and study skills.

2. What is the difference between online and face to face SI?

The only difference between face to face and online SI is the format in which it is delivered. Face to face SI is conducted in a classroom on campus, and online SI is conducted through WebEx, which is an online interface. Both face to face and online SI allow students to interact with the SI Leader and participate in collaborative learning.

3. What if I do not have a personal computer to participate in the online sessions?

The IT Department has installed the WebEx Player on certain computers in the Media Center located on the second floor of the library. Any student who needs to log into a live session can check out any of the following Viewing Rooms:

- 217D
- 217E
- 217F
- 217H
- 217J

Please note that you must have your SandDollars card with you in order to check out one of the media rooms.

4. If I choose to withdraw from the research study, can I still attend the SI sessions I am assigned to?

Yes, you have the option to attend the SI face to face sessions regardless of your participation in the research.

5. If I choose to withdraw from the research study, can I attend any SI session format that is offered?

No, if you decide to withdraw from the study you can only attend the SI face to face sessions.

6. Is my academic progress tracked for four years even if I choose to withdraw from the research study?

No, tracking ends on the date you withdraw from the research study.

7. Will my grade be affected if I choose not to go to SI sessions?

No

8. Will my grade be affected if I choose not to participate in the research study?

No

9. Do I get extra credit for participating in the research study?

No

10. Can I still attend SI sessions if I am under 18 years old and cannot participate in the research study?

Yes, you can attend the SI face to face sessions.

11. Can I withdraw from the study any time during the semester?

Yes

12. Are there any consequences for withdrawing from the research?

No

13. Will I be informed of the results of the research study?

There will be a research report that is published at the end of the research study which will be available to the public. Only aggregate information will be published, no student identifying information will be published.