Supplemental Instruction

Welcome to a new semester of Supplemental Instruction! We would like to take this opportunity to tell you some of the things you need to know about SI.

What is SI?

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of review sessions for students taking historically difficult courses. SI is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades. It is a chance for you to get together with people in your class to compare notes, to discuss important concepts, to develop strategies for studying the subject, and to test yourselves before your professor does, so that when he/she does, you will be ready. At each session you will be guided through this material by your SI leader, a competent student who has previously taken the course.

What is an SI Leader?

SI leaders are students themselves and are prepared to share with you what they have learned over the years about how to study. They know the course content and are anxious to help guide you through it. They will be in class with you every day, hearing what you hear and reading what you read. What they won’t do is lecture; their job is to help you think about the lectures you hear and the books you read, and then put it all together during the SI review sessions. SI can help you learn course material more efficiently. SI review sessions are informal. Bring your notes; bring your textbook; bring your questions.

Which SI session should you choose?

SI sessions are designed to follow the lectures of one instructor. If you are taking Math 241 with Professor Ross we suggest that you register for Math 197, Section 1 (MW: 11:30 – 12:20, Keller 404). If you are enrolled in sections with Professor Wilkens we suggest that you register for Math 197, Section 2 (TR: 1:30 – 2:20, Keller 403). If you have a different instructor, you are welcome to sign-up for either section of Math 197 but need to be aware that it may not closely correlate with what is happening in the lecture. However, you should also know that by the end of the course each instructor would have covered the same material, although not necessarily in the same order. There will be a common final exam for Math 241.

What’s in it for me?

If you attend SI sessions regularly, chances are you’ll earn a better grade. You will have developed a better understanding of course content as well as more effective ways of studying. This will help you in other classes also.