

SMC SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI) PROGRAM

Study sessions for
challenging courses



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WHAT IS SI?

Supplemental Instruction is an academic assistance program at Santa Monica College that provides free out-of-class sessions to students enrolled in specific courses. In SI sessions, SI leaders engage students in interactive group activities to help them learn course concepts, prepare for exams, and learn effective study skills. SI is typically offered for traditionally difficult basic skills courses, results show that students who attend SI sessions on a regular basis can earn as much as ONE LETTER GRADE HIGHER for the course!

“SI is a FREE academic assistance program that offers you help in learning the most difficult material in the course.”

WHO ARE SI LEADERS?

SI Leaders are students who have successfully taken the course before and are prepared to demonstrate what they have learned about how to study the course material. Your SI Leader will be in class with you every day, hearing what you hear and reading what you read. The SI Leader's job is to help you get through the difficult course content.

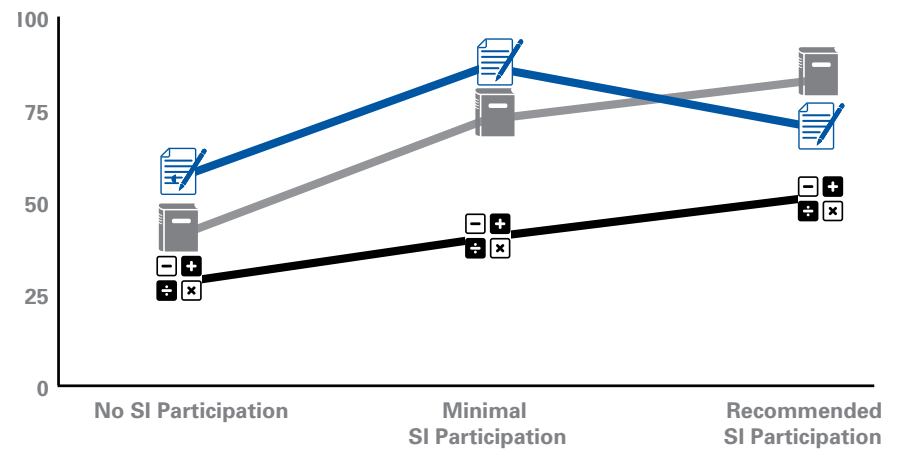
“SI Leaders facilitate sessions to help students learn course concepts, learn effective study skills, and prepare for exams.”



RESEARCH SUPPORTING SI

Based on Supplemental Instruction 2012-2013:
Preliminary Analyses

 English
 Math
 Other



Success rates were computed by dividing the total number of successful grades earned by the total number of enrollments. Successful grades include A, B, C, and P grades. Any “in progress” or “report-delayed” grades were excluded from analysis. The chart above presents the changes in success rate by participation in graphical form for easier interpretation of the pattern of impact between course disciplines.

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WHAT IS THE SI IMPACT?

“Results show that students who attend on a regular basis can earn as much as ONE LETTER GRADE higher for the course!”

Students ~~who have at least~~ minimal participation in SI successfully completed their enrolled courses at higher rates than students with no SI involvement.

Students who have at least minimal participation in SI persisted to the next semester at a higher rate than students who did not participate in SI.

Basic skills students who have at least minimal participation in SI progressed to the next course in the basic skills course sequence at a higher rate than students who did not participate in SI.

Participation in SI predicted student success, even after controlling for the influence of background characteristics including prior-term GPA.

FACTS ABOUT SI

- Attendance at sessions is voluntary.
- Peer-facilitated study session.
- You will develop a better understanding of course content as well as more effective ways of studying.
- SI is a FREE!
- SI Leaders are students who have successfully taken the course before and are prepared to share with you what they have learned about how to study the material.
- SI sessions are regularly-scheduled informal review sessions in which students engage in interactive study groups, discuss course content, learn and integrate study skills, participate in learning activities, and take mock exams.



YES, I WANT TO BE AN SI LEADER!

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Courses interested in being an SI Leader for

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