NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Developmental & Supplemental Learning
What is SI?
The Supplemental Instruction Program at NCCU focuses on peer facilitated study sessions for selected GEC courses. SI creates opportunities for students to work collaboratively with their classmates to solve problems, compare notes, discuss readings, develop academic skills, and prepare for tests and exams.

Why should students attend?
Research 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.

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

SI is designed to help students understand what-to-learn and how-to-learn. The skills and knowledge gained from attending SI sessions can be transferred to other courses of study.
How are Professors involved?
Professors are supportive of students attending SI. They typically refer students to SI, and often provide information to SI Leaders, such as notes, used to develop SI sessions.

How much does SI cost?
SI sessions are FREE and open to all students!

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.

Who facilitates SI sessions?
SI sessions are facilitated by students who have completed the coursework and 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.
SI Leaders are recruited:
- 1-2 semesters prior to becoming an SI Leader
- By Faculty recommendations
- Based on their academic and interpersonal skills

SI Leaders must have:
- An interest in helping others
- An “A” in the course
- Attended NCCU for at least one semester
- A 3.00 cumulative GPA or better
- A schedule that allows them to work 10-12 hours a week.
- A minimum of 30 semester hours of earned college credit

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