

HARTNELL COLLEGE

Best Practices for Students Participating in SI Sessions



Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of weekly 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.

1. **Complete survey indicating your class schedule and availability:** This will enable the SI leader to create a schedule of three to four review sessions a week at times that are best for the majority of the class. You may attend one or all of these sessions.
2. **Listen carefully when the SI Leader speaks to the class at the beginning of the semester.**
3. **Arrive on time for the SI session:** Walking in late is disruptive to the group and puts you at a disadvantage because you are already behind
4. **Come prepared:** Be sure to have your text, necessary handouts, and your laptop or paper/pencil for taking notes:
5. **Be ready to participate:** Prepare questions that you have before you come to the session.
6. **Have realistic expectations:** The SI is a student who knows the course content; his/her job is to help you think about and connect the lectures you hear in class and the materials you read. His/her job is not to lecture or provide you with answers to homework, quizzes, or tests!
7. **Be consistent in attending SI sessions:** The chances are good that you will earn a better grade by attending SI sessions regularly. The practices you learn in sessions will help you to become a more effective student, even in classes for which there are not SI sessions.