

Sample SI Welcome Email for Asynchronous Ethics Course

The following email provides an example of some of the information you could include in your introductory email to the students in your courses. However, do not feel obligated to use this specific verbiage. Make the introduction your own and tailor it to the modality of your class (synchronous, asynchronous, or in-person).

Good morning, everyone!

Just a quick heads-up that the Ethics class you are enrolled in this fall is supported by Supplemental Instruction (SI).

SI is a learning resource offered by ACC where students meet virtually every week to discuss objectives and material relating to the course.

SI sessions are not mandatory, but they are an especially helpful option during this time of online learning. These sessions can help you connect with other students in the class, and allow dedicated times for you to focus on your class. This communal learning atmosphere not only increases a student's motivation to complete classwork, but also allows for open discussion of the heavy course material - making it easier to understand.

Given this is an asynchronous course (i.e. there is not a specific class time), the responsibility of the class workload and course involvement is entirely on the student. The aims for SI, however, are to create a social learning environment where each student has an opportunity to be involved with a community focused on learning.

SI sessions are hosted by an SI Leader who will help facilitate the discussions to provide a healthy and supportive learning environment. Your SI Leader, Maddie, has been an SI for multiple Philosophy courses throughout the last few years, including several Ethics courses. If you would like to reach out to Maddie, feel free: madison.mallett@austincc.edu

The session times will be determined on the day your class begins, but your input for these sessions is incredibly valued so we can do our best to help you succeed. If you would like to provide input about your availability and interest in attending SI sessions, feel free to do so by filling out this survey:

<https://forms.gle/vLuG6LTW48QnhSqf9>

Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

Well wishes for a successful summer term!