

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What extra work is required of faculty for SI?**

Faculty members are required to accomplish 3 tasks. First, meet with the SI leader when the leader has questions. Secondly, send grades from their first test to the SI Coordinator. Lastly, faculty members are asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of the semester. Other than that, nothing is required of faculty.

### **What is in it for me?**

Some of the positive results of SI have been that faculty have reported such experiences as more interaction with students in class, high participation rates, less distractions during lectures. One negative is that the teacher is not allowed to attend the SI sessions or know who is attending. This is for both the student and the faculty member. Some students are afraid to ask questions of teachers. For the faculty member, not knowing allows a blind result for the statistics, and extra credit cannot be given to skew the grades.

### **When are SI sessions scheduled?**

That is between the SI leader and the interested participants. They decide when the sessions are best fit their schedules.

### **Are the SI sessions monitored?**

Yes! SI sessions are monitored by SI staff at least once a week. If the SI leader is having problems, the monitors are available to provide assistance.

### **How are SI leaders chosen?**

Faculty are encouraged to recommend potential SI leaders. SI leaders should be students who have completed and done well in the course, have good communication skills, and are willing to take on the challenge of helping others with the material.

### **Where are the SI sessions held?**

SI sessions are held in study rooms in the learning labs, or vacant classrooms, or any other student study areas on campus.

### **How do I offer my course for inclusion in the SI program?**

To be included on the list of course where SI is offered, contact the SI coordinator, Mary Gilmer at 223-6325 or email [mgilmer@austincc.edu](mailto:mgilmer@austincc.edu). Funding and space are limited though. Go to <http://www.austincc.edu/tutor/SI>.