What is Supplemental Instruction?

1. SI is designed to help students master material in difficult courses while increasing their learning strategies and study skills. Student performance is improved by combining “what to learn” with “how to learn.”

2. The UCO Supplemental Instruction Program looks at courses in which students may encounter difficulties, such as courses that are high-enrollment and/or “historically difficult,” which means the data has shown them to have a high rate of D or F grades and Withdrawals. SI targets “high risk” courses, not “at risk” students. It is not a remedial program.

3. SI provides peer-facilitated out-of-class review sessions that are held two to three times per week at no cost to any student enrolled in the course.

4. SI Leaders use active teaching techniques to involve students in discussing, exploring, and understanding course material. They demonstrate, model, and involve students in critical thinking and practicing effective study strategies.

5. SI Leaders attend all class sessions, take notes, read assigned material, and model effective in-class behavior.

6. SI helps professors maintain high standards and expectations for a course, especially in situations where class size prevents him/her from giving personal attention to students.