

# SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Angelo State University

## Why Supplemental Instruction (SI)?

What is Supplemental Instruction (SI) and how is it different from tutoring? While some describe SI as "super group tutoring," this label is often misleading.

Where traditional tutors are in essence private instructors who show or teach subject material, SI Leaders take an indirect approach, helping students learn how to study while focusing on key course concepts.

SI is academic assistance that utilizes peer-led group study. Using collaborative learning techniques to guide individual reasoning and thinking, the SI Leaders lead and encourage each student to independently discover

answers and "unknowns" while actively working with the subject material.

This approach is a powerful alternative to the tutor who reiterates procedures and duplicates the lectures.

SI has a three-fold goal: 1) reduce rates of attrition within targeted historically difficult courses, 2) improve student performance within targeted historically difficult courses, and 3) ultimately increase the student graduation rate.

Following the SI model, students who regularly attend SI develop the necessary study habits for success in college.

SI promotes confidence, useful time management,

and effective study habits—potent skills students will carry with them to other classes.

That said, it is important to note that SI replaces neither traditional tutoring nor other means of study. Most core curriculum courses are three-credit hours and with learning specialists' advice of three hours of study per credit hour, students should study nine hours per week, per class.

The Office of SI advises students to supplement their individual study time with regular attendance in SI (one hour per week) and to utilize other study resources, such as tutoring and lab work.



### Important Dates:

Nov. 23 and 24: Thanksgiving Holiday!  
Nov 27: Redistribute SI Flyers in class

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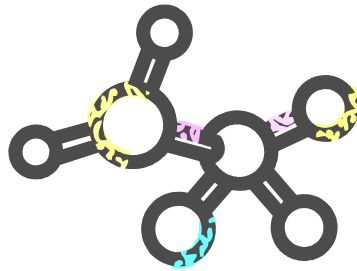
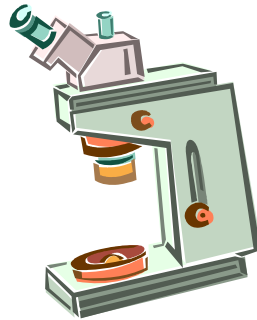
# Magnification of SI Leaders



**Amy Bullock**  
Human Biology

This is Amy Bullock's first term as an SI Leader for BIO 1410: Human Biology, biology for non-majors. Amy is a sophomore majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry, and after graduation she plans to teach high school science. She knows being an SI Leader is great teaching experience.

Amy's SI sessions are loaded with study tips and techniques that focus on key course concepts. Students especially appreciate Amy's study guides and mock exams, and she truly enjoys helping students learn.



**Norbert Rios**  
Human Anatomy

You may recognize Norbert Rios from his managerial work at the UREC. This is his first semester as an SI Leader for BIO 2423: Human Anatomy. As a senior Biology major with a Chemistry minor, Norbert plans to attend medical school after graduating from ASU. He feels his SI experience is great preparation for the study of medicine.

Norbert's SI sessions are well-known amongst students for being relaxed and informal group study time—a chance to meet regularly and to work collaboratively with anatomy classmates.

## SI Session Schedule: Fall 2006

### **BIO 1410** **Human Biology**

Amy Bullock  
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T 7—8 p.m. in CAV 023  
W 2:30—3:30 p.m. in CAV 023  
R 3—4 p.m. in CAV 023

### **BIO 2424** **Human Physiology**

Albert Fierro  
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M 10—11 a.m. in CAV 211  
M 4—5 p.m. in CAV 119  
F 2—3 p.m. in CAV 019

### **BIO 2423** **Human Anatomy**

Ben Gilbert  
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M 5—6 p.m. in CAV 125 (BIO LAB)  
T 2—3 p.m. in CAV 023  
W 1—2 p.m. in CAV 023  
R 4—5 p.m. in CAV 019  
F 10—11 a.m. in CAV 125 (BIO LAB)

### **BIO 2423** **Human Anatomy**

Norbert Rios  
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T 3—4:30 p.m. in CAV 123  
W 7:30—8:30 p.m. in CAV 125 (BIO LAB)  
R 3—4:30 p.m. in CAV 123

### **MATH 1302** **College Algebra**

Beatrice Flores  
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M 5—6 p.m. in MCS 214  
T 4:30—5:30 p.m. in MCS 214  
W 6—7 p.m. in MCS 214  
R 2—3 p.m. in MCS 214