

Best Practices for Working with SI Leaders

1. Prior to the start of the semester, meet with your SI Leader once or twice to discuss roles, expectations, and concerns. *See the Supplemental Instruction Semester Expectations Dialogue Handout for an idea of what to talk about.*
2. Meet with SI Leader regularly to discuss the progress of the class and to see the activities the SI Leader has planned for SI Sessions.
3. Consider giving the SI Leader regular time (e.g., 5 minutes) with the class to make any announcements regarding upcoming SI Sessions or campus resources that the students may find beneficial at the time.
5. Arrange for your SI Leader to receive books you're assigning in your class. You may wish to order desk copies from the publisher to facilitate this.

Here are some things that you can expect from your SI Leader:

- SI Leaders are expected to attend every class, unless otherwise arranged.
- SI Leaders, with the assistance of their SI Supervisor, will arrange a location to meet with students for the SI study sessions.
- SI Leaders may ask questions in class that other students might be afraid to ask -- to stimulate discussion and model being a good student/scholar if this is agreed upon between the faculty member and SI Leader.
- SI Leaders can help students with their papers and assignments and can see the faculty's feedback, but SI Leaders are not permitted to grade papers, assign grades, or even see the actual assigned grades.

Remember: SI Leaders are hired to work with students and to contribute to your classes. But they do not carry briefcases or fetch coffee :-).

If you experience tension or difficulty while working with a SI Leader, arrange a conference to express your concerns and to hear the concerns of your SI Leader. Typically a friendly chat will help clarify roles and clear the air. But please remember: we are happy to work with you to address any problems that arise.

Thanks for your work with Peer Connections, especially as we are building our Supplemental Instruction program. You are making a valuable contribution to SJSU and its students.