SI Participation Guidelines

SI creates a fun, collaborative learning environment where you actively work with fellow classmates to assess your understanding, deepen your knowledge, and grow your skills within your SI-supported class and beyond.

In order to make sure SI maintains these qualities, it is important for you to be aware of the following participation guidelines.

- SI session/office hour attendance is anonymous to the instructor. Learning is often a messy process, and SI sessions are a safe space for that messiness. So, we want you to be free to learn without worrying about your grade or being evaluated. But we do need you to fill out a session attendance form, so we can show UMKC how successful our program is overall.
- SI leaders will not re-lecture or give out copies of their notes. SI leaders are only effective if they are going beyond what you get from lecture. In session they will be giving you instructions for interactive activities that help you explore class materials, and they will ask you questions to guide you when you need some extra help. Their notes won't be much help to you because they are written from the unique view of the SI leader, but they would be happy to help you improve your own notes.
- SI leaders want you to come to sessions regularly. SI is most effective for those who come regularly throughout the semester. SI leaders don't want you to face the headache that comes with cramming. SI is built to go through the messy learning process one chunk at time, so it really won't help you at the last-minute stage. Your SI leader will welcome you at any point in the semester, but they will be more confident in their ability to help you if you come early and come often. Even if that means you can't come to all of the sessions every time.
- SI leaders don't help students with assigned homework or tutor them in the SI supported class. SI leaders are all about knowledge and skill building, so they won't help with specific homework questions. But they would love to assist with the concepts or example problems in their sessions. SI leaders will not tutor you in the course for which they are serving as SI leader, but we have a lot of tutors ready to provide one-on-one help at UMKC Tutoring; just email umktutoring@umkc.edu

Zoom Session Guidelines

- SI session recordings are used to ensure the quality of our sessions and will not be shared with students. Because of the highly interactive nature of SI, watching a recording of the session will not give you the same experience. This is

especially true because recordings follow the SI leader, who is hopping in and out of breakout rooms where the real action happens, so you won't get the chance to see other students really process the information. We also need to make sure we honor the privacy of those attending the session. If you can't come to the session, feel free to come to your SI leader's office hours or visit UMKC Tutoring with your questions.

- SI sessions are interactive. You will be answering questions, writing, looking in your notes, and working with others. Because these tasks require your attention and ability to engage with your electronic device, notes, textbook, or other tools we cannot allow participants who are driving to be present at sessions. If you join a session while driving the leader will ascertain if you can join the session again when have reached your destination or if you should be referred to other services like their office hour or tutoring.