

## **Supplemental Instruction Labs - What, Why, and For Whom**

A Supplemental Instruction Lab is an extra class period to help students:

- Review and discuss assignments and material presented in class;
- Develop effective study strategies and organizational skills;
- Review for quizzes, tests, and exams; \_\_\_\_\_
- Organize and meet in course-specific study groups.

Labs are taught by a member of the Office of Tutoring Services staff who meets periodically with the course instructor and attends class weekly to coordinate lab activities.

### **Students who should register for courses with Supplemental Labs are those who:**

- expect to experience difficulty with the subject matter;
- will benefit from the additional assistance that lab provides;
- will benefit from the opportunity to have course material reviewed and questions answered.

### **Students who should NOT register for courses with Supplemental Labs are those who:**

- expect to do well without additional support;
- do not plan to attend the lab. Why?
  - 1) students who sign up for a course with an accompanying lab who do not plan to utilize the lab preclude those who need the additional help from getting it;
  - 2) Many/most professors with Supplemental Labs offer extra credit for lab attendance. Such extra credit which would not be awarded if lab is not attended;
  - 3) Most labs offer services/information not available elsewhere, such as exam review sessions. Students who do not attend the lab would not get the full benefit of what the lab offers.

This term, with on-line pre-registration, **students will not be allowed to register for a course with a lab if the lab conflict with another course. If you have a conflict, choose another section for one of the conflicting courses.**

Courses with accompanying supplemental labs are indicated in the pre-registration booklet. We are unsure how they will appear on the on-line registration screen; however, if the course has three meeting days/times and has a regular (1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour) meeting time, the additional day most likely represents the lab. To register for a course with a supplemental lab, simply write in the course reference number, as you would for any other course.