

About Supplemental Instruction

Our SI meetings will take place 7:30-9:00 p.m. Central Time every Wednesday and Friday. They all will be held using my Capella Zoom Meeting Room. Each one will be recorded, and the recordings will be made available to you.

Personal Assessment Time

- ✓ Did you wait until the end of your degree to take this course?
- ✓ Have you had Nightmares thinking about taking this course?
- ✓ Did you try everything you could possibly think of to avoid taking this course?
- ✓ Did you try to bribe your academic adviser, and it didn't work?
- ✓ Did you think about Truck Driving School as an alternative career field in lieu of taking this course?

Well... There's probably a reason you waited until the end of your degree to take this course... It's not an easy course!

If you didn't wait until the end of your degree to take this course... You are a nerd! A smart nerd that will use the course concepts you learn here to fly through the rest of your degree!

However, you feel about taking Discrete Math ... Happy, apprehensive, completely terrified, rather be at the dentist's office getting a root canal, prefer weekly proctologist visits, or watching old episodes of Star Trek hugging your old Fortran manuals waiting with anticipation to take this course...

I'll be your Tour Guide through Discrete Math this quarter... I'll make it as fun as possible... (Yeah... because Fun and Discrete Math are commonly used in the same sentence... LOL)

So... What seven levels of hell are you in for...

Well... actually there aren't seven levels of hell in this course... There are ten! Ten Weeks... Oh What Fun...



I'm sure by now you are overjoyed and enthusiastic about your choice to take this course...

Supplemental Instruction – Also known affectionately as your study group

Well... Here's what to expect:

- ✓ Every week we have two SI meetings (This is where you stare blankly at your computer monitor while I give boring lectures and you try not to fall asleep after working all day) – So please bring coffee and remember to laugh with enthusiasm at all my bad jokes!
- ✓ Each SI session is different – I won't bore you or waste your time going over the same material twice each week...
 - In the First SI Session we will talk about the course concepts and what is important about the assigned reading for the week (Yes... Hell does have a textbook, it is the one we use in this course... and yes... the textbook author enlisted all of hell's demons to help him make this textbook as complicated, wordy, and completely useless as possible) and what objectives the course materials cover. Thankfully you have me here to interpret this book for you... I promise, you will never see this textbook on a Bestseller list... anywhere!
 - In the Second SI Session we start to work on the practice questions, example questions, and peak at homework problems and discussion questions... This is where I

make everything look easy... do all the easy problems... Then later at 2am in the morning you crack the textbook to find the really hard problems written in a language you don't understand, make a decision to drink coffee or whiskey and see if somehow you can figure out how to wade through your homework and muster up confidence that you may have discovered either the correct answer to a homework problem, the solution to generating all prime numbers greater than 2, or decide that maybe you should seriously consider calling the number to that truck driving school... We will finish up whatever problems remain from the second SI Session (Perhaps consider calling our therapists and doubling up our dose of antidepressants and request better drugs for the next 10 weeks) and answer questions about the written essay projects due on odd weeks. Yes... working out math equations was not torture enough... they've also dreamed up essays and projects to do on odd weeks to build on the skills and materials we were supposed to learn while staring through bloodshot eyes and knocking over empty bottles of tequila... Oh what fun! Then on even weeks we will have practice quizzes. Yes... The circle of hell would not be complete without also adding test anxiety every other week culminating in a grand meltdown at the end of the course with everyone's favorite ... Drum Roll... A Final Exam!

- ✓ The Live SI Sessions occur twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday and last for an hour and a half. The SI sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. Central Time ... and unlike your therapist, these sessions are free to attend (I take absolutely no responsibility whatsoever on the increased costs from your therapist or your bartender caused by the course materials...)

I hope you will find SI to be a great resource in helping you pass this course...
Let's have an awesome quarter together!

-Bary

On a side note... for you pessimists out there who say things like... It can't get worse than this.

Or for you optimists out there who are wondering if you should take another course with this one (I strongly recommend if you do take other another course with this one you take one the last 5 weeks of the course...)

Here is a Difficulty Graph of the Ten Weeks (or Ten levels of Hell) for this course

Ten Weeks of Discrete Math

