

UC San Diego Supplemental Instruction Program Earns International Certification

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program at the University of California San Diego has just become one of a handful of programs in the country accredited by the **International Center of Supplemental Instruction**. The certification standards ensure initial training, performance, and ongoing professional development meet international standards for excellence. It is the gold standard for SI programs at the international level.

The SI model was created in 1973 at the University of Missouri—Kansas City to provide academic support for historically difficult courses. It has been extensively reviewed by leading researchers in student development and higher education who confirmed improvements in final course grades, retention, and graduation rates between SI users and non-users. UC San Diego offers SI sessions to all students enrolled in targeted courses. Sessions are led by highly-trained UC San Diego students who have previously excelled in the course and who attend every course lecture. In the SI sessions, students engaged in collaborative hands-on activities that reinforce course concepts.

Congratulations to Susan Rinaldi, Director of the Academic Achievement Hub in the Teaching + Learning Commons, and her staff and SI Leaders for the extraordinary amount of work they did to achieve this important distinction!

To learn more about Supplemental Instruction at UC San Diego or to view a list of UC San Diego courses supported by SI, visit <https://commons.ucsd.edu/si>



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