

Academic Enhancement Center

How can the AEC help me with math?

Supplemental Instruction: While classes are generally where new information gets introduced, Supplemental Instruction is where students can go from seeing to doing by working with classmates and a student SI leader.

Why go? Sessions are 90 minutes and SI leaders structure the time to give students opportunities to ask questions, work through example problems step by step, and clarify and reinforce concepts by teaching each other in small groups. Because SI makes applying concepts to problems easier, students who regularly attend generally have an easier time doing homework, keeping up with the class, and studying for exams.

Schedules: Check the AEC website (uri.edu/aec) for the most up-to-date schedules of where and when sessions for your course take place, and attend as you are able. There is no sign-up required to attend SI. While you can choose how often you go, we know that students will get the most out of SI if they attend on a consistent basis.

Note: During the week of tests, SI leaders do NOT hold review sessions. It is encouraged that students attend SI sessions on a regular basis to stay on top of the material. During test weeks, students are encouraged to bring specific questions about past material to their instructor's office hours or tutoring hours at the AEC (see tutoring services description below).

Tutoring Services: there are two types of tutoring services available. Please read on for their descriptions.

Math Walk-In Tutoring Center: The math walk-in center is staffed with trained tutors prepared to guide you through difficult course content. Tutoring is less structured than our SI sessions; students should generally come to tutoring when they have specific questions. Some students like to work on homework in our walk-in centers, knowing there are tutors nearby to whom they can ask questions as needed, and it is a great opportunity to meet other students taking similar courses. Check the AEC website (uri.edu/aec) for the most up-to-date schedules of when the walk-in center is open, and feel free to stop by during any of those hours – no appointment needed!

Appointment-Based Math Tutoring: Appointment-based tutoring is available for small groups (up to 5 students) who work together with a tutor for one pre-scheduled hour. Students must be enrolled in the same course to join an appointment (e.g., a math appointment may consist of several students in MTH 111 or several students MTH 141, but never both at the same time); this allows the tutor to narrow the focus of the tutoring session and spend a bit more time with students than they may get to during walk-in tutoring. You can sign up for these appointments on your own (sessions will still run with only one student), but we encourage you to bring a classmate if you wish! To make an appointment, stop by the AEC's reception area on the 4th floor of Roosevelt Hall, or call the desk at [401-874-2367](tel:401-874-2367).

Academic Coaching: Coaching is available to all students for all subjects. Students meet 1-1 with an academic coach once per week for 30 minutes each session, and receive tailored coaching to improve their overall academic success. This may include strengthening time management, learning to combat procrastination, implementing efficient and effective studying methods, improving your test-taking, etc. Not sure what your need is? Come set up an appointment and we can help you figure things out! To make an appointment, stop by the AEC's reception area on the 4th floor of Roosevelt Hall, or call the desk at [401-874-2367](tel:401-874-2367).

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