

# What is mSI?

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SUPPLEMENTAL  
INSTRUCTION  
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LAB

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program at NVCC continues to evolve and grow.

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mSI is the lab portion of the following developmental English and Math courses:

- ENG096T
- ENG096
- MAT095
- MAT136

Similar to science labs, students earn a grade for their participation and work completed in these mSI lab sessions. mSI is not a “Study Hall.”

### Important to note

At NVCC, our Supplemental Instruction sessions for developmental education courses are modified. Just like a science lab, mSI is mandatory, and there is a grade associated with the work completed in the mSI labs. The difference is that there is no cost to the student for mSI. The T courses have a lab that meets twice a week for an hour each session, and the non-T courses meet once a week for an hour.

### Purpose of mSI

The purpose of mSI is to help students taking the developmental courses above to gain the skills necessary to succeed in these classes by providing assignments that promote active learning, critical thinking, and transferable skills. Working together with mSI leadership, students put forward their best efforts to pass the developmental courses on the first attempt with a C or better, thus, improving students' confidence to do well in the following college-level courses as well as improving retention rates.

### Summary

Naugatuck Valley Community College supports intensive and transitional (developmental students) (PA12-40 initiative) by offering mSI labs, which provides leader-guided learning sessions to improve student success with developmental English and Math courses. Students in the mSI sessions work on a computer platform with guidance from an mSI leader to build critical thinking and transferable skills. mSI also provides a place for students to review current course materials and clarify additional questions. Students in mSI receive participation percentage for their performance with the computer platforms.

## **mSI Expectations for Success**

- Learning is interactive - have fun learning!
- Participation is a part of the experience.
- Ask questions – we are all here to succeed.
- If you need more help seek out one of the tutors, do not be shy.
- Be respectful of other' learning differences and opinions.
- Be a team player and look out for fellow students.
- Use all school resources.
- Get involved.

## **Bottom Line**

To be a successful student in mSI

- Work as hard in mSI as you would in any class.
- Most importantly, have fun learning.

## **NVCC policies found in the handbook:**

### **Cell Phone Use Policy**

Students are hereby notified that cell phones are allowed in class only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are telephones to be answered in class. Students who ignore this policy may be asked to leave class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require a student be available by phone, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class, so that together they can arrive at an agreement concerning the device.

### **NVCC Official Student Email**

All Naugatuck Valley Community College students are given an official student email address. This email address is the primary mode of communication with the college. It is a student's responsibility to check this email for all communications from their instructors and the college. Emails will no longer be sent to personal email accounts. The College gives free access to web applications of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. Visit [nv.edu/email](http://nv.edu/email) for details on setting up your account or for help, call or visit IT: 203-575-8092 or [nv.edu/IT](http://nv.edu/IT).