

Chemistry 101A Study Group Program: Information and Application

The Chem 101A/B Study Groups are a program intended to support at-risk students in Chemistry 101. **It is similar to “SI” groups you have heard about, but it is a SEPARATE program.** It is intended for students who:

- have only taken a few science courses at the college level previously.
- have a variety of responsibilities outside of this course (jobs, other classes, etc.), and
- may not be very familiar with the resources available at CCSF.

The program will group (4-6) current Chemistry 101 students with a peer mentor. The peer mentors are students who have successfully completed Chem 101A and Chem 101B, in the recent past and who will be able to provide advice and assistance on:

- Study skills (“what are some good strategies for learning the material?”)
- Time management (“how can I juggle my job, my classes, and my other commitments?”)
- Test preparation (“how do I get ready for an exam?”)
- Course and college resources (“what other sources of help are out there?”)
- Networking and Morale – meet new friends and study partners
 - (“how do I work effectively with others?”)

It is important that you realize that *this mentoring program is not intended to be a tutoring program.* Our peer leaders may be able to assist you with course material, **but they are not expected to provide extensive tutoring.**

You should be aware that the Study Group is intended to support your efforts in Chem 101. It is not a guarantee of doing well in the class (or even passing the class), nor is it a way to decrease the amount of work that you will need to do in the class. We will expect students in the Study Group program to meet with their mentors on a weekly basis, to keep a study log (recording the time spent on course materials each day), and to participate actively in all course activities. Students who do not attend the sessions, who do not make an effort to implement the strategies recommended by our peer mentors, or who do not do the course work (lab and lecture) may be dropped from the program. The course instructors will have the final authority on all decisions about who will participate in the program.

If you are interested in being involved in this program, please fill out the attached application and return it to Dr. Tim Su ASAP. (Office S-251, the applications can be slid under the door if no one is in the office when you come by.)

APPLICATION FOR CHEM 101A Study Group PROGRAM

Please note: any student who makes a false statement on this application will be dropped immediately from the mentoring program. All academic records are subject to verification by CCSF staff.

- 1) What is your name? _____
- 2) Which lab section are you enrolled in (day and time)? _____
- 3) Who is your lab instructor? _____
- 4) How can we contact you? (Email AND Phone # or Cell #)
- 5) Have you taken Chemistry 40 (or an equivalent class at a different college)?

If yes, what was your final grade? _____

- 6) How many times have you taken Chem 101 (or an equivalent class at a different college)?
 - a) This is my first time in Chem 101.
 - b) I have taken Chem 101 once before, but I did not complete it.
 - c) I have taken Chem 101 once before, but I got a D or an F.
 - d) I have taken Chem 101 once before, and I passed it (C or better).
 - e) I have taken Chem 101 more than once before.
- 7) Circle times Circle all the days and times that you are available to participate in a study group.

Monday	8-9am	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5pm
Tuesday	8-9am	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5pm
Wed.	8-9am	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5pm
Thurs.	8-9am	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5pm
Friday	8-9am	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5pm

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