



# GUIDED STUDY SESSIONS



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Here's what  
UMD students  
are saying  
about GSS:

*"GSS is extremely helpful and provides more practice and hands on learning of the material than online chemistry homework or discussion sections."*

*"I really enjoy the informality of the GSS, it creates a very comfortable environment in which everyone can ask questions and talk with one another without feeling too nervous or scared to speak."*

*"My GSS leader does an EXCELLENT job at making the complex systems and structures taught in class easy to understand by breaking it down and using simple analogies. Coming to GSS clarifies things that I may have not been able to comprehend studying on my own, and highlights the important issues taught in class so I know what to focus on."*

*"People should go to GSS regardless of how well they may think they are doing because it reinforces everything that we learn in lecture. Also, if you are going into the health professions, then it does not hurt to go to GSS."*

*"GSS helped me raise my test grade from an F on the first exam to a B on the second exam! I learned how to study more effectively by going."*

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**Guided Study Sessions (GSS)** are peer-led collaborative learning groups in a variety of lower level courses at the University of Maryland. Sponsored by the Learning Assistance Service of the University of Maryland Counseling Center, GSS provides weekly collaborative learning groups in the fall and spring semester for the following courses:

ANSC 211, ANSC 212, BSCI 160, BSCI 170, BSCI 201, BSCI 202, BSCI 207, BSCI 222, CHEM 131, CHEM 135, CHEM 231, CHEM 241, ECON 200, MATH 115, MATH 140, MATH 141, PHYS 161 and PSYC 100.

GSS Leaders are peers who have previously taken the course and performed at a high level. They are specially trained in how to facilitate collaborative learning groups so that students can become active participants in their education. GSS sessions help students develop effective college level learning strategies and can help make the transition from high school to UMD go more smoothly.

Data collected by the Learning Assistance Service demonstrates that students who attend GSS earn higher course grades than non-participants. If you want to start your UMD academic career on a solid foundation, **come visit GSS!**

For more information, see our website at:

<http://www.counseling.umd.edu/las/academic/gss/>

*GSS will start the second week of the fall semester so plan to join us!*

