What is Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL)?

The PLTL model consists of study groups of about eight students working collaboratively on challenging course content problems while guided by a peer leader.

How does it work?

• PLTL provides an active, engaged learning experience for students. The Peer Leader helps guide them by:
  o Using various techniques for problem solving
  o Offering timely assistance when a group gets stuck
  o Providing guidance and encouragement
• PLTL sessions meet once a week for 80 minutes. There is no cost to enroll.

What should you expect?

PLTL is all about working together as a group. Peer leaders are trained to be facilitators, not lecturers or teaching assistants. They do not provide answers to their students; instead they guide them toward answers and set a tone for group discussion and learning. Students do most of the explanation and reasoning to the rest of the group. Individual points of view are respected, criticism is constructive, and all members have an equal opportunity to participate.

Why should you consider signing up for PLTL?

• Most students obtain a better understanding of the material.
• Students who consistently attend and participate in PLTL usually receive up to a whole letter grade higher.
• Students tend to develop improved communication and critical thinking skills, and become better problem solvers-skill sets frequently sought by employers.

PLTL is NOT for you if…

• You cannot make the 80-minute time commitment every week for the entire semester.
• You are not willing to participate actively in a group setting.
• You do not make the effort to come prepared to the PLTL sessions.