Top 10 Reasons to Attend Summer Session

10. **Your friends are probably thinking about it, too.** You’re not the only person planning to attend Summer Session! Talk to your friends, and you might find you’d have great company for a fun summer in Bemidji.

9. **Summer Session can make life less stressful.** Taking one or two courses you need – especially those that fill up quickly during fall and spring - could give you great peace of mind. You can focus on being successful in the present instead of worrying about the future.

8. **You don’t need to be in Bemidji to take Summer Session classes.** Bemidji has a lot to offer in the summer, but if you don’t have a place to stay, or you have a job back home, you can still take BSU classes. Many summer courses are completely online, so you can take them from anywhere there’s a reliable Internet connection.

7. **You can attend Summer Session and still have a job.** Summer Session is very compatible with summer employment. Not only can students usually schedule work around one or two classes, the option for online courses makes things even more flexible.

6. **You can still take a summer vacation.** Summer Session still allows plenty of time for a nice vacation and seeing friends and family back home. You can choose a three-week May Session or a four-week session in June or July.

5. **Bemidji is a fun place to be during the summer.** If you enjoy boating, fishing, camping, biking, the arts, festivals and shows, the Bemidji area offers endless opportunities to have fun and stay busy. Be sure to see all that BSU’s Outdoor Program Center has to offer.

4. **Summer is a great time to challenge yourself and improve your GPA.** Sometimes it’s better to have more free time to focus on one or two more challenging classes. Taking a couple of summer courses can help you get more out of your most important courses and also be more successful.

3. **Summer might let you complete a second major or add a minor.** The combination of knowledge and subject areas from a second major or a minor looks great to potential employers. Give yourself an edge by completing another major or minor through Summer Session.

2. **Save money by graduating on time and starting your career sooner.** The sooner you graduate, the less you’ll owe in student loans. You can begin your career sooner and start paying off those loans, reducing the amount you owe in interest.

1. **Continue your Bemidji State education.** You picked Bemidji State University for a reason. There is no better way to guarantee the quality of your education than to continue learning from faculty you know and trust on a campus you call home. Summer programs elsewhere probably can’t match BSU’s quality, consistency and academic rigor.
Important Dates for Choosing Summer Courses

- Summer course registration starts Feb. 29.
- Three-week May term starts May 11.
- Session I (three-, four-, five- or nine-week) starts June 1.
- Session II (three- or four-week) starts July 5.
- Registration ends when courses fill or first day of class.

Eligibility for Summer Courses

- Any student enrolled in the MnSCU system in good standing is eligible.
- Visiting students (not part of MnSCU) who have completed the admissions application process are eligible.
- The high-demand restriction is lifted for online courses in the summer.
- Students do not need to change their on-campus status to take online summer courses.

Summer Financial Aid is Available

- Summer Session is part of the previous fall and spring financial aid cycle.
- Students interested in financial aid must complete the Summer 2016 Financial Aid Supplement form, available Feb. 22.
- First- and second-year students may be eligible for an additional $1,000 in summer loans for advancing to the next grade level at the end of spring semester.
- Financial aid advisors can provide calculations for individual students.

Building Experience Through Internships

- Neilson Foundation Internship Program (15 opportunities in 2016)
- Non-profit Internship Scholarship for BSU seniors with a GPA of at least 2.5 (some additional requirements)
- A variety of other summer jobs and internships available in and around Bemidji
- Summer opportunities at job fairs in February, March and April

On-Campus Lifestyle

- Linden Hall Suites are available for BSU students.
- You don’t have to be enrolled in summer courses, but must be registered for fall.
- Linden Hall is air-conditioned, with private bathrooms and kitchen access.
- Weekly housing rates are available for those needing short-term housing.
- Housing applications are available mid-spring semester.
- On-campus parking is free during the summer.
- Students can use Beaver Bucks or pay out of pocket for campus dining in Wally’s (limited hours).
- The Outdoor Program Center is open daily 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, for affordable watercraft, camping and Nice Ride bike rentals.
- Students have opportunities to gain experience by assisting with academic/sports camps, conferences and workshops.

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Upcoming Summer Events

Check the BSU calendar and Summer Session website to learn more about events that may include:

- Root beer floats
- Giant games
- Summer Fest
- Information tables
- Virtual 5k and more!