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Top 10 Reasons to Attend Summer Session

1. The quality of a 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 with trusted faculty from a campus you call home. You have the option to take courses from other schools over the summer, but few will provide the quality, consistency and academic rigor you deserve.

2. Save money by graduating on time and starting your career sooner. The sooner you graduate, the less student loan debt you will accrue. You can start your career, get out of debt more quickly and pay less interest in the long run!

3. Summer might let you complete a second major or add a minor. The extra knowledge 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 courses.

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 classes can help you get more out of your most important courses and also be more successful.

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.

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Student Testimonials

“Summer Session gave me the opportunity to accomplish my goal of graduating with a double major. It’s also a great time to work towards completing a minor or to simply get ahead and lighten course loads for a major. With both online and on-campus courses being offered, students are able to have flexibility during the summer months while still getting ahead on their college careers.”

— Ashley Midas ’16

“Taking nine credits through Summer Session allowed me to get ahead in my major requirements before my senior year. Thanks to Summer Session, I was able to take a lighter load my last semester. Having to complete fewer credits the spring semester of my senior year left me with more time to work on my senior thesis, as well as my applications to law school.”

— Cheyenne Horien ’13
Important Dates for Choosing Summer Courses

- Tentative summer course schedule posted Dec. 16.
- Summer course registration starts Feb. 29.
- Three-week May Session starts May 10.
- Three-, four-, five- or nine-week Session I, starts May 30.
- Three- and four-week Session 2, starts July 3.
- Registration ends when courses fill or first day of class.

Who Can Take 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 2017 Financial Aid Supplement form, available Feb. 27.
- 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 (16 opportunities in 2017)
- Non-profit Internship Scholarship for BSU seniors with a GPA of at least 2.5 (some additional requirements)
- A variety of other internships and summer jobs available in and around Bemidji
- Many employers from around the Bemidji region will be recruiting at the BSU-NTC Job & Internship Fair on Feb. 22!

Opportunities On Campus

- Linden Hall Suites are available for BSU students enrolled for summer or fall 2017.
- Linden Hall is air-conditioned, with private bathrooms and kitchen access.
- Weekly 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., for affordable watercraft, camping and bike rentals.
- Students have opportunities to gain experience by assisting with academic/sports camps, conferences and workshops.

Upcoming Summer Events

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

- Beaver Treats
- Late-night dining events
- Information tables