“I took CHEM 210 and STAT 110 this summer. This helped lighten my course load, not only for fall semester, but will in spring as well. My chemistry class was smaller than it would have been during the school year, which was a huge benefit in terms of how well I was able to learn and retain information. Having a smaller class with lab and lecture with the same people allowed us to get to know one another. We felt comfortable around each other and could ask anyone in the class for help on a particular assignment or topic we did not understand.

Although the material is condensed from a semester to three or four weeks, I, personally, found it easier to learn. This was due to the fact that I could focus all my time studying for one class instead of worrying about five or six classes in a semester. Since I took eight credits this summer, I will hopefully be able to complete a minor in nutrition.

Students thinking about taking summer session courses should also consider other things Winona has to offer in the summer. For example, I worked for Camps and Conferencing through Winona State. I met many wonderful people and we all had a lot of fun working together. My friend and I spent our free time outside hiking in the bluffs, kayaking on the lake, running around the lake, and relaxing at Goodview beach. The benefits of summer sessions are truly endless and go beyond just taking classes.

I was able to get ahead in school, raise my GPA, and enjoy a beautiful summer in Winona.”

Aimee Lindstrom
Why Summer Session?

Each year, more and more Winona State University students take Summer Session courses in order to catch up, keep up and get ahead in their studies.

WSU does a great service providing an array of summer options for students that fit learning into busy summer schedules. Efforts such as these help students reach their academic goals.

The following is a summary of Summer Session data that demonstrates the growth and importance of summer learning at Winona State.

**Summer Session Credits Generated by College by Fiscal Year**

- College of Business: 2013: 3,000, 2012: 2,562, 2011: 1,802
- College of Science & Engineering: 2013: 2,010, 2012: 2,037, 2011: 2,063
- College of Nursing & Health Sciences: 2013: 2,238, 2012: 2,074, 2011: 1,636

**Summer Session Highlights from Assessment Day 2012**

- 58% of students said they were considering taking Summer Session classes so that they could graduate when they had planned.
- 61% of students indicated that they were interested in taking online classes over the summer.
- 72% of students were interested in taking May Session courses.
- 65% of students were interested in taking courses during First Summer Session.
- 40% of students were interested in taking courses during Second Summer Session.

**Summer Session Faculty and Staff Toolkit** - This site is a one-stop shop for your summer course planning needs. The wide variety of resources were designed to help you offer courses that students want and need. Visit the toolkit at [winona.edu/summersession/toolkit.asp](http://winona.edu/summersession/toolkit.asp).

**Summer Session Student Web site** - This site is a one-stop shop for students looking for information about Summer Session at WSU. Visit the student site at [winona.edu/summersession](http://winona.edu/summersession).

**Winona State Outreach and Continuing Education (OCED)** - OCED serves as the coordinator for Summer Session. With questions, call 457-5080 or e-mail [continuingeducation@winona.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@winona.edu). For more information about OCED, visit [winona.edu/oced](http://winona.edu/oced).

**Teaching, Learning, & Technology Services (TLT)** - TLT helps you leverage educational technology. Contact TLT to begin planning for technology-rich online, hybrid and face-to-face courses. With questions, call 457-2900 or e-mail [tlt@winona.edu](mailto:tlt@winona.edu). Learn more about TLT at [winona.edu/it/tlt.asp](http://winona.edu/it/tlt.asp).

online courses are great for our students who go home to work and/or be with family over the summer.

Distance options give students the opportunity to catch up, keep up, or get ahead from anywhere.