Faculty & Staff Resources

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

**Summer Session Student Website** - 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.

**Winona State Outreach & Continuing Education (OCED)** - OCED serves as the coordinator for Summer Session. With questions, call 457-5080 or e-mail continuingeducation@winona.edu. For more information about OCED, visit 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. Learn more about TLT at winona.edu/it/tlt.asp.

Professional Memberships

WSU belongs to two summer session professional organizations.

**The North American Association of Summer Session (NAASS)** is comprised of deans and directors from higher education institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

This organization aims to develop quality summer programming and academic standards and present opportunities using professional growth. Learn more at www.naass.org.

**The North Central Conference on Summer Sessions (NCCSS)** is a regional organization comprised of approximately 100 representatives from accredited public and private colleges and universities. This year, the NCCSS will celebrate its 65th anniversary.

The NCCSS is "dedicated to meeting high standards in summer programs". Learn more at www.nccss.org.

Student Testimonial

"I have taken many summer classes at Winona State University. Several of them have been May-term classes, and a few have been online during June and July. I love taking summer school, and it has helped me tremendously.

Summer classes are great. Despite being much shorter than courses taken during a regular semester, they have helped me learn course material very thoroughly. This is because they've allowed me to focus all of my attention on one class at a time. I also like that the class sizes are smaller. This has helped me to get to know other students better and has provided a great relaxed learning environment.

In addition to the academic advantages, Winona is a great place to stay over the summer. I absolutely love the laid-back town atmosphere and the beautiful environment that Winona provides during the summer months. There is never a dull moment, as there is always something to do or see! I have definitely found that Winona State Summer Session is a great opportunity to get ahead!"

Shannon Kouba
Mathematics Education Major

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Why Summer?

Summer Session is an important time at Winona State University. The option for students to complete courses they need in only a few short weeks makes it possible for them to catch up, keep up or get ahead in their studies. It is a great opportunity for those who desire to continue their education all year long.

Summer is becoming a part of students’ educational plans from the time they arrive at WSU. In responding to their needs, we better help students achieve their educational goals.

This report outlines trends in summer enrollment over the last three to five years. It also shares data gathered from students during Assessment Day 2013.

Five-Year Growth in Credits Attempted for All and Online Courses

46% of all credits attempted during the summer of 2013 were online.

Credits Attempted by Session and Fiscal Year

99% of all surveyed students were aware that WSU offers courses during the summer.

50% of all surveyed students indicated that they were interested in taking summer courses at WSU.

52% of students considering Summer Session classes said it was to get ahead in their major or graduate early.

69% of all surveyed students indicated that they were interested in taking online classes over the summer.

66% of students were interested in May Session.

55% of students were interested in First Summer Session.

58% of all surveyed students indicated that they were interested in taking courses within their major over the summer.

How Students Learned about Summer Session at WSU

50% of all surveyed students indicated that they were interested in taking summer courses at WSU.

61% of students considering Summer Session classes said it was to graduate on time.

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*The tables presented in this report use available data as of August 22, 2013.