

WSU Summer Session

[ECHOING ELECTRIC GUITAR PLAYING]

JAZZMINE YOUNG: It's so much different than being on campus during Fall and Spring.

I can't think of another campus that would just be such a joy to be on.

PETER BAKER: In the summer, everything kind of wakes up and just seems a little more inviting.

BEN PERKINS: They always say, I loved being here in the summer. You know, an hour, hour and a half a day commitment as far as the class goes. You're going to have some free time.

You get to Pullman, and it's, like, a college town.

[INDIE ROCK BAND PLAYING]

VICTORIA AYDELOTTE: I've never really experienced such a closeness of people. You make tighter bonds with people while you're here, because there's so few of us here.

PETER BAKER: It kind of takes down the hustle and bustle, but I mean, you can't really go anywhere on campus without seeing anyone. It definitely is alive and well.

There's events that the university puts on during the summer, and there's events through the ORC and through the Rec. Everything is open during the summer. The Rec is open, tennis courts are open, the playing fields are open, the golf course is open.

On top of all of the on-campus activities, we can get off campus and enjoy the beautiful Pullman community and the Palouse area.

MIKEY BURLEY: You get more opportunities to go outside and really experience Pullman in a different sense, where you can go to the dunes, you can go out and barbecue with some friends, you can go out to the outdoor recreation center and check out some kayaks, even, and just go out to the river and kayak with some friends.

PETER BAKER: You can go hiking. There's Kamiak Butte, which is 20 minutes away, and Palouse Falls is 80 miles away, and you can spend all day out there looking at the waterfall, hiking down the water. We're located in a great place for these outdoor experiences.

JENNIFER THIGPEN: Faculty are really enthusiastic about what they're teaching in Summer. They tend to be more relaxed and more willing to let students develop projects that are meaningful to them.

JAZZMINE YOUNG: It's a lot more one-on-one time. I know I took one class, it was maybe just 10 people. You get to ask more questions. You get to learn a lot more about a certain subject, and get a little more into the actual lesson of it.

BEN PERKINS: Summer session is not going to be that intense experience that you had in Fall and Spring. You're only taking a couple of classes. And you're probably going to do better in those classes that you took in the Summer, so your GPA is going to improve. The stress level is going to be down, because you have more flexibility to take either other classes or not take as big a load. It's an absolutely fantastic tool for students to use to really help their academic career go smoothly, and have time in the Fall and Spring when they're not feeling overwhelmed.

Summer session also had no out-of-state tuition, so you save money while you're trying to graduate faster.

JAZZMINE YOUNG: Just take a Summer class, even if it's just one.

VICTORIA AYDELOTTE: It's the perfect opportunity to experience a completely different WSU.