

ARE SUMMER CLASSES RIGHT FOR YOU?



BEFORE TAKING SUMMER CLASSES, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION:

Your Study Habits

Summer classes are more accelerated and therefore require a significant time commitment in order to be successful. If you tend to struggle with time management or have difficulty staying on top of schoolwork, a summer class is not recommended.

Your Financial Aid Eligibility

While financial aid can be used to pay for summer courses, there are restrictions. Some forms of financial aid require you to be enrolled for a certain number of summer hours before aid can be awarded. Also, using financial aid during the summer terms can reduce the amount of aid you have available for the fall and spring semesters. Financial aid is not automatically awarded for summer. You must complete an online [Summer Aid Request Form](http://kent.edu/financialaid/summeraidrequest.cfm) at kent.edu/financialaid/summeraidrequest.cfm before aid can be awarded. But before doing so, know how your future aid will be affected by meeting with a financial aid specialist before requesting financial aid for summer.

Your Work Schedule, Vacations & Other Obligations

Because summer courses are more accelerated, your attendance in class needs to be a top priority. If you will be missing several class meetings, summer courses may not be right for you. Listed below are Stark summer session dates:

13-Week Full Term	May 14 - Aug. 11	2012 high school graduates need to provide proof of graduation.
3-Week Intersession	May 14 - June 1	Intersession is not recommended for new first year students.
SummerFlex	Start & end dates vary	
5-Week Summer I	June 4 - July 7	
8-Week Summer II	June 4 - July 28	
5-Week Summer III	July 9 - Aug. 11	

Your Major and Course Sequencing

Summer classes are a great way to catch up or to get a jump start on classes needed for your major. Students are encouraged to take 15-16 hours per semester in order to stay on track with some majors. However, if you are only able to enroll part-time or for the minimum of full-time, summer classes can help you work towards a timely graduation.

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