

1. About the same. Some of the online English classes I feel like there is something due every day. Online courses tend to make the professor over schedule things. I can only do evening classes after 5 or online classes, so sometimes I'm stuck for options. IUS does not make it easy for the non traditional student. :(
2. Classes are often easier in the summer. Since classes are generally longer, instructors generally recognize that the students stamina fades as class goes on.
3. Classes are tougher to be invested in because summer is the time to spend outside in nature, not stuck in a cold lab
4. Classes that I need to redo.
5. Courses are a bit easier because a lot of the content gets cut down, but it is more demanding because the workload doesn't seem to lighten any. I tend to lean toward the harder classes that are not directly relevant to my degree over the summer. The abbreviated summer version doesn't hurt my learning and it is generally a bit easier.
6. Courses are a bit tougher because you have a limited amount of time for completion therefore more information is packed into a smaller time frame.
7. Courses are very rigorous in the summer but are easier for me because I have more time to focus on them because I am not working as much.
8. coursework is harder and not a lot of major requirements are offered
9. Depending on the class, it can be easier or harder. Overall, I like them because we do not have to meet for 15 weeks. I mainly took them because of the discount and in order to graduate on time.
10. easier
11. Easier
12. Easier to focus on the content due to the limited hours you can take in the summer.
13. From experience summer classes are tougher, but that is to be expected since they are to be completed in less time than in the spring or fall. I took online summer classes last summer and it was harder but it was quick and worth it. I think a student should take classes in the summer that require more focus and attention, and only take a couple. For instance, this summer I will be taking Algebra the first session and science with a lab the second session. I decided to do it that way because I don't want to take those classes along with other classes during the spring or Fall as those two will require more of my attention.
14. Helps allow students that have switched majors to still graduate on time.
15. I believe taking a summer course face to face instructors would be beneficial to me.
16. I believe that summer coursework may be considered "harder" because of the years of schooling and tradition that summer meant no school.
17. I do not have any experience with summer courses.
18. I don't have a perception, I'm very unfamiliar with summer courses. However, I have heard that they are much more difficult because it's so much information crammed into a super short time period. I still have hopes that someday I'll be able to afford to take them, though.
19. I don't think summer classes are any easier or harder during the summer vs. fall/spring. / I would prefer to take more difficult classes in the summer because students usually aren't enrolled in multiple classes and the class meets usually four days a week in the summer vs. two to three times a week in the fall/spring. Both of these differences allow the student to be more immersed in the coursework which I believe helps to tackle difficult subjects.
20. I don't think they are all-over necessarily easier or harder. I think it depends on what classes you take over the summer. ex. an organic chem class vs a psychology class--it is obvious the organic chem class is still going to be hard and the psychology class will probably still be pretty easy/mildly hard.

21. I feel as though summer courses are going to be harder than courses offered in the fall and spring just because you can take less classes during this time. This way you can focus more on your summer classes.
22. I feel like classes should be a lighter weight load in the summer
23. I feel like it would be easier to take summer courses to get your degree done quicker
24. I feel like summer classes are probably harder than classes taken in the Fall or Spring semester. More information is packed into a shorter amount of time, it seems. Also, I kind of feel that summer is a time for rest, though that is probably faulty thinking. I think the best classes to take during the summer are ones that I am really interested in and find fun so that I do not lose motivation to do the work.
25. I feel summer classes are tougher. They are condensed and some professors keep the same workload as they would in a regular semester.
26. I felt like they were about equal.
27. I had a math class during the regular school year and failed. I took the same class again during the summer and got an A! Sometimes hard classes and hard homework combined with all the courses you have to take is overwhelming! Being able to focus on that particular subject has proven to be so much easier and better for me as a student!
28. I have done an internship between my Freshman and Sophomore year so I have no experience with summer classes yet.
29. I have had mostly positive experiences with summer courses (I have taken several). Occasionally a professor has used a summer course for easier curriculum, to show movies, etc., but I tend to think that such professors behave the same in the summer or fall/spring semesters.
30. I have had two summer courses back to back and found them to be very hard, but they were also shorter than usual. plus they were Science classes that are not my usual classes that I take.
31. I have heard that taking tougher classes is better in the summer.
32. I have heard that the courses can be tougher because you are doing the same amount of course work but in less time than during the fall or spring semesters.
33. I have never taken a summer class at IUS. I was hoping to take a more difficult class that I need but it wasn't available. My thinking was that I could concentrate more on that one class for a shorter amount of time.
34. I have never taken a summer class, so I do not know.
35. I have not heard anything negative about them. So I am willing to give them a try.
36. I have not taken any summer courses, but I think they should be harder because you wouldn't have any other classes to distract you so that you would be able to do your best on it and get it out of the way.
37. I have not yet taken a summer course
38. I have not yet taken a summer course.
39. I have only taken an online class in the summer and it was just as difficult as any other time.
40. I haven't taken any classes during the summer at IUS, but I have heard that a lot of it depends on your teacher and the class you are taking. I would think for the most part some would be tougher and some would be easier. /
41. I haven't taken any summer courses yet but I would love too but just knowing that there is less time it would seem like the classes would be harder since you would have to learn so much in a short amount of time .
42. I heard classes during the summer are easier, but I prefer not too, unless I need credits.
43. I just started graduate school with IUS in the fall. I had never attended IUS until graduate school.
44. I like summer Classes better in the summer. But they should not be harder because of the time restriction and should not take up more time than a regular class.

45. I like summer courses. It's just harder because there is so much material to cover during a short period of time that it can become overwhelming and I end up with a poor grade because it is hard to keep up with the class. I'd say they are a little bit more tough during the summer because of this reason. However, I love being able to have that flexibility and only coming to class once a week works better for my schedule since I live in Crestwood, KY. Plus, having them offered during the summer can help people who need those classes to graduate on time.
46. I like to take my Gen. Ed. classes that I still need to finish over the summer. It is nice to take a challenging class because it is your only focus if you just take one.
47. I think classes in the summer are much easier regardless the difficulty of the class because that is the only class you focus on which in turn helps you get a better grade. On the other hand, you learn so much so fast in summer classes which make it difficult to keep up especially if you would rather be partying or in the pool.
48. I think courses are easier because I am focusing on less coursework at one time.
49. I think my anatomy class was tougher in the summer because it was very fast pace.
50. I think that for the most part the only classes that tend to be summer classes are general requirement/core classes offered early day time. There should be more options for classes that are more difficult and that are not just your basic gen ed required courses. This option would allow students to keep up with their goal of completing their degree on time, or let those who chose to do so get ahead and "waste" time.
51. I think there is more time in the summer for harder classes.
52. I think they are just as tough as Fall and Spring classes.
53. I think they are tougher because you only have a month to take a course that is sometimes 3 months long. Papers and assignments have to be done one right after the other.
54. I think they are tougher due to being held in a shorter time span but at the same time they appear to be easier since the time frame is condensed. I think Speech and the other Science w/ Lab are a much wiser option for me to complete during a summer session.
55. I think they will be harder.
56. I think they're tougher because the coursework ends a lot sooner than it would in a regular semester, therefore you have more things to learn in a shorter amount of time.
57. I took general education classes in the summer throughout my undergrad to complete my degree in a timely matter. I'd prefer to do the same through grad school, but worry about the time constraint in a condensed time frame.
58. I took one course last summer, it was more difficult than taking two courses at once this fall, I do all courses online and that being said, I am a mother with three children, a wife, and work full time and I still managed to complete the summer class with a B
59. I took summer courses last summer. They seem to be about the same as any other course as far as being harder or easier, they just meet more days. I would rather have an all day course or at least longer classes that meet on fewer days so that I can continue to work to pay my bills. Summer is a good time to take more classes to get me closer to my degree
60. I took them last summer and they were pretty difficult. What I will say is there is a bond formed between classmates during the summer that is not formed during the regular semester. While the classes were hard, the work is manageable if you take the time to study. They are not for everyone, but I would definitely take them again.
61. I view summer as a time to take easy classes so that I can still be earning credits while also having time to enjoy summer.
62. I would not be able to graduate on time if it wasn't for summer work. I am in my mid 20s and if I was a younger immature student I would not be able to handle summer coursework. Science and language classes work well in summer.

63. I would only participate in courses that would be applicable to my degree, regardless of their intensity. I think taking harder classes in the summer may be a good idea, so you can focus more on that class.
64. I'm not sure
65. In my experience the majority of classes offered in the summer are a lot harder, because the faculty member is trying to condense a whole semester into just six weeks without adjusting the content. I think it's definitely possible to condense the coursework into something more meaningful, with less stress, that still gets the job done. My best experience in a summer course was the summer I devoted to an intro to studio art with Emily Schumann. She was a fabulous instructor and I really miss her! (I'm not an art major by the way...I just really enjoyed that course)
66. In my opinion, taking a tough course in the summer is the best way to go, especially if you are only taking one or two classes. I feel this is the best option because you only have to focus on one or two classes, and not five. However, the only way I myself would take a summer course is if it was online.
67. In the condensed format I took my Organic Chemistry 1 and 2 courses, the courses were made tougher; I suppose that any sort of courses are best completed during a summer semester, however I myself would prefer courses which satisfy my Computer Science minor requirements, which may be more feasible as much Computer Science related coursework could be easily completed online.
68. It depends on the class I have taken math over the summer and loved it. Summer classes don't give you the time to forget what you have learned because you are frequently doing work for six straight weeks
69. It depends on the course. I wish there were more education courses offered in the summer due to course load.
70. It is tougher because it is a whole semester's worth of work in a shorter time period.
71. I've never taken a summer course.
72. Limited. It was hard to find courses available for what I actually needed. I was a sophomore this past summer so the options should have been there
73. Most summer classes are really hard because you are taking a 15 week course and turning it into 6 weeks. It would be better if they would just combine the summer session so that the class would be better and you would learn more.
74. Never have had a summer class because financial aid doesn't provide for that. I would rather not take summer classes and get them all done during spring and fall to have my summer vacation and internships
75. No prior experience applicable
76. Should be easy classes
77. Some classes are tougher than others during the summer. I believe this is due to trying to fit a semester's worth of material into a month or so
78. Some courses are easier to take during the summer and some are tougher. It just depends on the course and the professor.
79. Some courses that are already pressed for time in a traditional semester aren't conducive for summer sessions.
80. Summer classes are definitely tougher with the shortened semester. It is nice to have the option for those of which want to graduate sooner. Tougher classes are nice to take in the summer especially when there are other hard classes you have to take in the spring/fall.
81. Summer classes are definitely tougher. The workload needs to match the time frame given for a summer class. (Less time, less work). I believe that science classes, especially those with labs, are best completed during the summer due to the need to be completely focused on those courses and the smaller class sizes.

82. Summer classes provide an intense short term barrage of a full time semester's material in half the time. It makes the retention and learning much better.
83. Summer courses are easier for me simply because my other workload is lighter, and therefore I have more time to do my coursework.
84. Summer courses are usually tougher (due to the amount of material being packed into a shorter session). I like it that way, though.
85. Summer courses seem to be slightly easier since it is in a shorter time frame. I don't think there are certain course that are better than others though.
86. Summer courses seem to be tougher but that could partially be because my mind isn't programmed to do schoolwork during summer break. However, they do have their advantages and help you achieve your degree quickly.
87. Summer work is as tough as a regular class period in the fall of spring just in a condensed time frame. I don't take them because I use that time to work elsewhere in the United States or vacation. I would take summer courses if they were far more affordable and the classes I needed for my major were offered.
88. The academic challenging classes like anatomy, chemistry, physiology or any natural science class should be spanned out a little longer. That is a lot of content to squeeze in 6 weeks. It was very tough and challenging for me.
89. The courses I don't believe are any "tougher" or "easier" I believe that the fast pace makes them somewhat more difficult to keep up with, but I enjoy getting "tough" classes out of the way. The short class schedule is like ripping off a band-aid once you start to lose interest the class is already over.
90. The only thing that makes summer courses more difficult is the fact that most of them are "hybrid", which equates to 100% work online and an extra 50% in the classroom.
91. The pace is so fast, and there is so much homework, due a sixteen week course shoved into approximately eight weeks, that summer classes are really hard.
92. The shorter more frequent times that you meet in the summer. Doesn't give you any time to forget what you learned in the beginning of the summer.
93. They are a good way to earn a few more credits without a heavy work load from other classes.
94. They are easier in the summer. General education is best completed in the summer.
95. They are harder due to the compressed time frame.
96. They are quicker than the fall and spring semesters so it makes it tough to keep up with all the homework and checking online for new and upcoming assignments.
97. Tougher
98. tougher because more work is crammed into a shorter time, but easier because many times the professors eliminate part of the "normal" course due to time constraints....would never recommend taking any math or science courses in the summer
99. Tougher because short period of time, but also easier because professor may shorten syllabus.
100. Tougher due to going at a quicker pace.
101. Tougher to accomplish in short time
102. tougher, do to the time restraint to learn the material
103. Usually all of my summer courses have been easier than in the semester. I really like summer courses. I believe A201 and A202 are best to be completed in the summer.