

UNH Summer School is Available to All Students

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DURHAM, N.H. -- More than 1,175 students have registered for summer courses at the University of New Hampshire and, while UNH officials acknowledge the threat of a faculty boycott, they say summer session will take place as scheduled.

"Of course it's not business as usual, but we are meeting our obligation to make sure courses are available to students over the summer," says David Hiley, UNH provost and vice president for academic affairs. "It's a bit more challenging but we always hire adjunct faculty to teach summer courses at UNH -- we simply will hire a few more this year than we ordinarily would."

Trustees have invited faculty union negotiators to return to the bargaining table. "This impasse will only be resolved by returning to the table for authentic negotiation," Hiley says. "Taking summer courses is necessary for many of our students and it's our obligation to provide them with those courses. We naturally would prefer to have the faculty's support, but if they choose not to participate, then we will make other arrangements."

Registration for classes continues through the summer, and most of the more than 1,900 course registrations are for the first session alone. There are a total of five sessions over the course of the summer, according to William Murphy, dean of continuing education at UNH. The Division of Continuing Education this year offers more than 350 course sections. Revenue generated by summer course tuition goes to the teaching units. For more information about courses and times, go to URL www.learn.unh.edu/Summer/index.html.

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