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Summary: For 22 years UMM has offered high school students an opportunity to attend "summer college" through the Summer Scholars program. UMM's two-week Summer Scholars program offers students a chance to earn two college credits and experience college life.

(April 17, 2007)-For 22 years the University of Minnesota, Morris has offered high school students an opportunity to attend "summer college" through the Summer Scholars program. An alternative to attending a summer camp, UMM's two-week Summer Scholars program offers students a chance to earn two college credits and experience college life. Summer Scholars at UMM will be held July 8-20.

One former Summer Scholar wrote: "My classmates and I all became family. I would trust them with my life and I'm very, very sad to be leaving...Everything was awesome, but I guess the connections I made were amazing."

Students can choose between two course offerings: "From Avian Flu to Ebola Zaire: The Reemerging Threat of Infectious Disease," taught by UMM biology faculty Timna Wyckoff and Peter Wyckoff, examines the biology of pathogens and the body's immune system, as well as the social and global implications of disease and epidemics. "Talking About a Revolution: Dissent and Freedom of Expression in Today's World," taught by UMM faculty Paula O'Loughlin, political science, and Chris Butler, sociology and writing, explores issues of dissent and free speech from historical, political and cultural perspectives. Each course emphasizes skills that are essential for success in college, including writing, critical thinking, discussion and interdisciplinary perspectives.

During Summer Scholars students will learn about writing papers, developing critical thinking skills, using a college library, participating in classroom discussion and interacting with peers who share the same interests and intellectual curiosity. Two UMM professors along with two UMM student teaching assistants teach each course. Students will experience college life outside the classroom when they live with supervision and guidance in campus residence halls with a roommate for two weeks. The Summer Scholars can enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the UMM campus. In addition, the program prepares students for college and allows each student to live the college experience first-hand.

A parent of two students who attended Summer Scholars shared: "Both my son and daughter attended the Summer Scholars program. Arne decided to become a biochemist when he finished your Summer Scholars program in 1997. I cannot exaggerate the positive influence your school, professors and staff had upon Arne. He has never wavered from his goal, and it was his experience at Morris that inspired him..."

The program accepts juniors and sophomores that are in the top 20 percent of their class. Information, along with an online application, can be found on the Summer Scholars Web site: [Summer Scholars](#). For more information contact the director of the Summer Scholars program, Karen Ellis at [Karen Ellis](#) or by phone at 1-800-842-0030.

Photo: Summer Scholars enjoy a field trip last year with Paula O'Loughlin, left.

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