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May 2, 2012

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Although spring semester finals have passed and grades have been submitted, some Illinois Wesleyan students are returning to campus to continue learning.

Today, Wednesday, May 2 marks the beginning of the 2012 May Term, a month-long opportunity for students to enroll in one intensive class that encompasses an entire semester's worth of material and earns them one class credit. On-campus May Term classes enable students to fulfill general education requirements as well as take classes that would not typically be available to them during the fall and spring semesters, such as " Indian Classical Dance," "Accounting for Financial Meltdown" and "The '60s Sex, Drugs & Rock and Roll?"

The co-curricular programming for this year's May Term was designed around the theme of "What we eat. Why it matters," taken from the theme of courses offered during the 2012 academic year. This term's programming is the result of a joint effort by staff and faculty from the following offices: May Term Office in collaboration with the Mellon Center Advisory Committee, Dean of Students Office, Chaplain's Office and the International Office.

Below is a list of some events available for students on campus:

- A kick-off lunch on Wednesday, May 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bertholf Commons (104 E. University St., Bloomington) with welcoming remarks by Provost and Dean of the Faculty Jonathan Green.
- A volunteer opportunity with Walk MS 2012 at noon on Sunday, May 6, sponsored by the Greater Illinois Chapter of the National MS Society. The walk will take place at Tipton Park in Bloomington and transportation will be provided. Email University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger at chaplain@iwu.edu by May 2 to register.
- A speaker series featuring Professor of Political Science William Munro on "A Tale of Two Lifeworlds: Why Do People Reject Genetically Modified Food?" at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7 in the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). Professor of History Tom Lutze's "A Tea-Tasting Experience: A Sampling of Exotic Varieties – Health Effects, Cultural Rituals – and a Sip of Tea's Bitter History, Too" will take place the following week, Monday, May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center, as well.
- A dinner-and-a-movie series, featuring favorite dishes from a variety of movies, beginning Thursday, May 3. Dinner will be held during regular hours at the Bertholf Commons. All films will be screened in the Hansen Student Center at 7 p.m.

- *Philippine Cultural Festival* with games, exhibits and food from 4-7 p.m. in the atrium of the Center for Natural Sciences (CNS) (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).

- A mini-course series on Tuesdays, including cooking and cake decorating demos by Sodexo Chefs, Native American storytelling, playing cricket and grilling on the quad. Locations and times vary.

- A night of comedy with NBC Stand Up for Diversity, featuring the Lucas Bros and Tone Bell on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center.

For further details and other events, see the [May Term co-curricular calendar](#).

Students using the condensed term to study abroad through one of 10 travel courses offered this year are traveling to Spain, China, Central and South America, Hawaii, Ireland, Central Europe, Bulgaria, Italy and Germany.

For more information, contact the May Term Office at (309) 5565-3760.

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