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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University's May Term 2006 is titled "With Malice Toward None..." based on former president Abraham Lincoln's speech, "With malice toward none; with charity for all; let us strive on to finish the work we are in... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

May Term, which this year will take place from May 3-25, is a month-long program that gives IWU students an opportunity to study a single subject intensively on campus, take a travel course or have an internship. This optional term is designed to completely immerse the student in learning with the ultimate goal of erasing the barrier between in-class and out-of-class learning.

IWU students will be offered a variety of courses such as Chemistry in the Kitchen, a course that examines the constitution of raw foodstuffs and the effect on the molecular level of foods as they are combined, cooked and metabolized. Another offered course will be From Mecca to Malcolm, an intensive study of Islam through its core religious doctrines, texts, practices and leaders with a focus on the central issues of Islamic development in the U.S. as shaped by Malcolm X and the immigrant communities. Other examples of May Terms courses are: Human Heredity and Forensic Science; Sex, Values and Human Nature; Sports Economic; Water Quality and Music Theatre Repertoire.

May Term also gives students a chance to study abroad during the month. Having a very hands-on approach to learning, each course allows students to take a class at an international or domestic location while being given the opportunity to experience another culture. This year, some of the offered courses are: Tropical Ecology in Costa Rica, Emperors and Revolutionaries: Chinese History through Travel and Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare in Hawaii.

In addition to coursework, May Term offers students a number of extracurricular activities which include a variety of artistic visitors and programs for students to enjoy. One of the scheduled events is a performance by the Zephyr Dance Company at 8:30 p.m. on May 17 in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington). The all-female, Chicago-based dance company, which has held residencies during IWU's May Term in the past, is described by the *Chicago Reader* as "strong women aware of themselves, their bodies and the power they have to use them."

In addition, the Steely Pan Orchestra of Normal, Ill., will perform on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). The authentic steel drum band will bring a unique island sound to campus as it combines the acoustic sounds of steel drums with sequenced bass and drum tracks to achieve a full steel band sound.

Also scheduled from May 3-21 are two exhibits in the Merwin & Wakeley galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). *Twenty Dirty Hands: Recent work by a cooperative of ceramic artists who live in and around Galena, Illinois* and *Place as Transition* will be shown in Merwin & Wakeley galleries, respectively. *Twenty Dirty Hands* features functional pottery and sculptural pieces, while *Place as Transition* is a collection of large photographs and small paintings. Exhibits are free and open to the public, and gallery hours are as follows: Monday through Friday, 12-4 p.m., Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. On Sunday, May 21, a gallery talk with the artists will take place in the galleries from 2-3 p.m., with a closing reception to follow from 3-4 p.m.

May Term also offers several day trips designed specifically for IWU students including a canoe trip, a Great America Trip, a paintball trip and a rock climbing trip among others.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan enrolls over 2,100 undergraduates. The University comprises the College of Liberal Arts, with 17 academic departments, and the Schools of Art, Theatre Arts, Music, and Nursing.

For additional information concerning May Term, contact the Andrew W. Mellon Center at (309) 556-3751.

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