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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – While students at most colleges and universities will be moving back home during early May, many Illinois Wesleyan University students will be returning to campus.

Tuesday, May 5 marks the beginning of 2009's 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 "Enron Fraud," "Chemistry in the Kitchen," "The 60s: Sex, Drugs & Rock and Roll?" and "Wild Strawberries, Communes and Death: A Smorgasboard of Scandinavian Film."

Some students are using the condensed term to study abroad through one of eight travel courses offered this year.

Science and environmental studies majors will have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica for field research through the "Tropical Ecology" course. Students will visit the conservation and restoration site known as Area de Coservacion Guanacaste as well as rainforests along the slopes of inactive volcanoes on the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea coasts.

Students enrolled in "Museums, Cathedrals and Concert Halls" will get a taste of Renaissance Italy as they tour the cities of Rome, Spoleto, Assisi, Perugia, Florence, Pisa, Ferrara, Bologna, Cremona and Verona studying the art, architecture and musical sound cultured in each location.

"By Force, By Famine and By Fabled Story: Irish Emigration to the U.S." will bring students to Ireland to study the effects on both American and Irish societies of the five-and-a-half million Irish citizens who emigrated to the United States between 1815 and 1920. After nine days of exploring western Ireland, students will stay with host families while attending the Allihies Language and Arts Center on the Beara Peninsula in County Cork.

Below is a list of events available for students who will remain on campus for the term:

- May 11, 6 p.m.—An Indian classical dance lecture and demonstration will be held in the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).
- May 14, 7-10 p.m.—A Bucky Halter and Woody Gurthrie concert will be held in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington).
- May 14, 7:30 p.m.—Speaker Jonny Dubowsky will host “Rock n Renew: A Plan of Action for the Planet, That Rocks” in the Young Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).
- May 16, 8 p.m.—Folk musician Willy Porter will perform for the Blue Moon Coffeehouse in the Young Main Lounge of the Memorial Center.
- May 19, 7:30 p.m.—The Zephyr Dance Troupe will perform in the Hansen Student Center.
- May 20, 7-10 p.m.—Joe Bella and Larry Spivack will present Joe Hill songs in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library.
- May 21-23, 8 p.m.—The School for Theatre Arts will present Edna St. Vincent Millay’s “Aria da Capo” and Moliere’s “Precious Damsels” (translated by Albert Bermel) in the E. Melba Johnson Kirkpatrick Laboratory Theatre.

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