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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Ports of call from London and Vienna to Beijing and Brisbane await about 250 Illinois Wesleyan University students next month.

The IWU students will travel across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans--as well as throughout the United States--as part of various travel courses during the university's four-week January Term, where intensive study is concentrated on a single course. Other IWU students will be working on corporate, government, or other internships, as well as taking classroom courses or working on research projects.

One research project involves an oral history with Gen. William Westmoreland, U.S. military commander in South Vietnam during the 1960s and retired Army Chief of Staff. Westmoreland has agreed to meet with two IWU history majors for extended taped interviews chronicling his life, early military career, command of U.S. troops in Vietnam, and service as Army Chief of Staff. The interviews will be conducted by Matthew Nelson, a senior from Cary, N.C., and Chris LaJeunesse, a senior from Elburn, Ill., at Westmoreland's Charleston, S.C., home. *For more information about the Westmoreland oral history project, contact Paul Bushnell, associate professor of history and chairperson of history at 309/556-3119 or 309/452-9836.*

Here is a rundown of the travel courses:

- **China: Trade and Diplomacy.** Associate Professor of Business Administration Fred Hoyt will lead a group of 16 students to the People's Republic of China (PRC), where they will examine past and present trade and diplomatic policies. The Jan. 5-27 trip will focus on Chinese history and traditions and how they relate to current economic changes sweeping across the PRC. Among itinerary stops are Guangzhou (Canton), Shanghai, and Beijing in the PRC and Hong Kong and Macao.

For more information, contact Hoyt at 309/556-3128 or 309/454-1288.

- **Great Barrier Reef, Australia (Marine Biology).** Fourteen students will travel to Australia, Jan. 2-Feb. 2, to explore the Great Barrier Reef, under the supervision of Assistant Professor of Biology R. Given

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Harper. They will spend two weeks at the James Cook University research station on an island, snorkeling several hours daily to study fish, other sea life, and the reef. They also will visit Daintree tropical rain forest for a week to study its ecology.

For more information, contact Harper at 309/556-3056 or 309/452-6899.

• **Australia and New Zealand (International Business).** Registrar and Assistant Professor of Business Administration Jack Fields will lead 36 students on a trip, Jan. 1-26, to examine business practices in the Southwest Pacific. In New Zealand, they will visit Waikato University and meet with School of Management faculty. Itinerary stops in Australia include Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, and the Great Barrier Reef. Students will meet with executives of Price Waterhouse, Memtec Corp., and officials of the U.S. Consulate in Sydney. They also will visit Australia's Parliament. Other stops include a trip to a working seep station. On the way home, they will stop in Fiji.

For more information, contact Fields at 309/556-3161 or 309/454-6539.

• **Comparative Education and Culture in Australia and New Zealand.** Associate Professor of Education George Churukian will take 21 students to Australia and New Zealand to examine those nations' education systems, teacher preparation methods, multicultural education approaches, issues in Aboriginal education, assimilation and accommodation in Maori education, and the cultures and environments of the two nations. Among Australian cities to be visited are Brisbane; Sydney; Armidale, and Newcastle, New South Wales; and Canberra; in New Zealand the group will visit Christchurch; Wellington; and Rotorua. Stops include Sea World and Currumbin Bird Sanctuary, Southern Cross University, a visit to a banana farm, Dorrigo National Park Rain Forest Centre, University of New England at Armidale, coal mines, industry sites, an Aboriginal cultural performance, Royal Botanic Garden education session, University of Canberra-Ron Traill, U.S. embassy and Parliament in Canberra, Canberra Observatory; Willowbank Wildlife Reserve Night Tour, and Wellington College of Education.

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For more information, contact Churukian at 309/556 3078 or 309/828-6437.

• **Theater Tour of England.** Professor of Theater Arts Jared Brown will take 23 students to England to study Shakespeare, modern theater, and related subjects. They will see 10 plays in London and travel to Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's home, where they will see two plays. The students will meet a professional actor working in London theater, tour the backstage of the National Theater in London and the Royal Shakespeare Theater in Stratford, as well as tour London in general.

For more information, contact Brown at 309/556-3324 or 309/664-0708.

• **England and France--Castles and Courts.** Thirty-eight students will travel to England and France, Jan. 3-Jan. 26 to study those nations' 12th-century ruling families. The trip will be led by Christopher, assistant professor of French and Spanish. They will study the monumental architecture of the period, including churches and fortresses. Among itinerary stops will be Paris, Chartes, LeMans, London, and Canterbury.

For more information, contact Callahan at 309/556-3094 or 309/829-5469.

• **England and France--Comparative Literature.** Professor of English James McGowan will lead 21 students on a Jan. 3-23 trip to England and France to study the literature of both nations. The group will spend a week in London, studying the poetry of William Blake and others. They also will visit Canterbury. The group will travel to France by train and hover craft across the English Channel, where they will study the poetry of Charles Baudelaire in Paris, French Impressionist painting, and post-Impressionist artists. They will travel to Southern France and Aix-en-Provence, where Paul Cezanne lived and worked.

For more information, contact McGowan at 309/556-3246 or 309/828-0807.

• **Vienna--It's Music.** Twenty-four IWU students will study the rich musical traditions of Vienna on a Jan. 14-26 trip led by Associate Professor of Music Susan Brandon. A two-week on-campus class will precede the trip. While in Vienna, the students will attend operas and concerts and visit

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museums dedicated to the great composers, including Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and others. They will tour the Vienna State Opera House and the Bosendorfer Piano factory, noted for its hand-tooled instruments. The group will travel to Eisenstadt, a small city 25 miles from Vienna, to visit a museum commemorating the work of composer Franz Josef Haydn, as well as Esterhazy Palace where he worked for many years. Several guest speakers and professional musicians will speak to the group.

For more information, contact Brandon at 309/556-3030 or 309/662-5207.

• **Health Care in the Netherlands.** Donna Hartweg, associate professor and director of the School of Nursing, will lead 16 nursing majors on a trip, Jan. 5-26, to examine Health Care in the Netherlands. While at AZM, Academic Hospital in Maastricht, they will be assigned units, based on their individual requests. For example, students may be placed in the pediatrics unit, focusing their paper and seminar topic on an aspect of pediatrics. Students will receive a briefing on health care in the Netherlands as a prelude to their practical training program. They also will tour Amsterdam and visit places like the Vincent Van Gogh Museum and the house where Anne Frank, the Jewish youngster, hid from the Nazis during World War II. The group also will visit various primary care centers and nursing homes in the Netherlands. Day trips to Brussels and the countryside in Belgium are planned, as well as a briefing on European Health Care Policy and Nursing Education. Before reaching Maastricht, the group will tour London and meet another group of IWU students in London for a theater course (see below). After their experience in the Netherlands, the group will travel to Paris.

For more information, contact Hartweg at 309/556-3051 or 309/829-2678.

• **Washington, D.C.--Foreign Policy.** Twenty-five students will get an in-depth look at how foreign policy is made and executed on a Jan. 12-23 trip to Washington, D.C., where they will receive 19 briefings at a three-a-day clip. Associate Professor of Political Science Robert Leh has arranged sessions for the students at the State Department, Pentagon, Agency for International Development, Commission on Security and Cooperation in

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Europe, Center for Defense Information, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, U.S. Information Agency, the European Economic Community's Washington office, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and various embassies, including the People's Republic of China and Syria. Other possible itinerary stops may be the Russian and Israeli embassies and the Central Intelligence Agency.

For more information, contact Leh at 309/556-3030 or 309/378-4328.

• **Florida and the Caribbean (Jazz Band).** Professor of Music Thomas Streeter will take 22 students on a trip to Florida and the Caribbean to study music. They will visit with professionals in the music business and perform at Disney's Epcot Center and MGM Studios. The group will meet with Mark Goff, a 1986 IWU graduate, who works for Disney as a musician. They will tour Cape Canaveral, America's space port, and board the ship, "Starship Atlantic," at Port Canaveral. They will perform twice aboard the ship. The group will perform at Rawson Square in Nassau.

For more information, contact Streeter at 309/556-3269 or 309/452-8784.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. In recent years, the university's endowment has grown to more than \$92 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$24 million science building will open in 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 164 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition. *101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities* calls IWU "undoubtedly one of the finest small colleges in the country," adding, "Illinois Wesleyan has surged to national prominence on the basis of its reputation as a school with a rock-solid academic program."