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## WESTERN CLASS PREPARES STUDENTS FOR FRANCE

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Oct. 11, 2004— Members of St. Joseph's Community Chorus will be part of an international music exchange in France next March, and a special beginner French course is being offered by Missouri Western State College to aid those who will be traveling. The classes begin Oct. 18, ending on Feb. 22. The class will meet on Mondays 5:30-6:20 p.m. in the Thompson E. Potter Fine Arts Center, room 112.

The course, open to the community, has been designed to prepare the chorus members for the French concert tour. Dr. Susan Hennessy, associate professor of French, said the students will learn basic conversational French, cultural insights and some specialized expressions having to do with music.

The concert is part of the first international music exchange between St. Joseph and Europe. In February, the Lawrence Chamber Orchestra and Chorale Divertimento of northern France will join the St. Joseph Community Chorus for a concert at the Missouri Theater, 717 Edmond St.

Following the concert in St. Joseph, the chorus will travel to France and perform with the Chorale Divertimento.

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For more information on the French class contact Dr. Hennessy at 816-271-5813. For more information on the activities of the St. Joseph Chorus contact Anthony Glise at 816-232-1313.

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