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## WESTERN OFFERS NEW INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

**St. Joseph, Mo.** —Nov. 28, 2006—Missouri Western State University’s Western Institute is offering three opportunities to travel to countries around the world. The international cultural experiences are new, noncredit programs where Western students, as well as the St. Joseph community and surrounding area, are able to see shades of green in Ireland, the history and culture of London or the art and history of Russia. Each trip is led by experienced guides who can show travelers the sights and history of each land.

- Ireland: Guided by Rhonda Rund, director of the center for community arts, this trip gives you the opportunity to see the breathtaking land known as “The Emerald Isle.” The tour is from May 8-16, and the cost is \$3,235; \$3,090 for Western students.
- London: Guided by Dr. Jimm MacGregor, assistant professor of history, and his wife, Teresa, this 10-day tour gives you the opportunity to see one of the greatest cities in the world. MacGregor and his wife lived and worked in London for two years and consider it their second home. The tour is from May 19-28, and the cost is \$3,530; \$3,370 for Western students.

- Russia: Guided by Dr. Chris Shove, executive director for the Western Institute, come join Mother Russia for a historical journey. Dr. Shove has researched and worked in Russia since the fall of the Soviet Union and has written scholarly publications on the transformation of the new Russia. The tour is from June 13-21. Cost for the trip is \$3,770; \$3,600 for Western students.

All enrollments must be made by Feb. 1. An early bird discount of \$100 applies to those who enroll by Jan. 15.

To register for one of the three trips call 816-271-4100, toll free 888-U-WIN-GOLD or email Western Institute at [wi@missouriwestern.edu](mailto:wi@missouriwestern.edu). For more information, visit the website at [www.wi.missouriwestern.edu/arts/travel/index.html](http://www.wi.missouriwestern.edu/arts/travel/index.html).

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