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WESTERN STUDENTS OFFERED STUDY AWAY OPPORTUNITIES

St. Joseph, Mo. —Oct. 27, 2006—The classroom boundaries at Missouri Western State University students have greatly expanded. Western developed a Study Away program this year, and Dr. Karen Fulton, professor of English and director of the new program, said students now have the opportunity to study in locations around the world. An informational open house for interested students will be held from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Nelle Blum Student Union first floor lounge. The community is invited to attend and learn about the program.

“We can provide students a study-away semester anywhere in the world,” Dr. Fulton noted. “Studying away has enormous value; it incredibly broadens students’ horizons and they gain enormous confidence.”

Dr. Fulton explained that Western students who participate in a study-away semester register through Western, keep their financial aid, and earn college credit that will count toward their degree.

Western currently belongs to three international study consortiums – the Missouri Consortium for International Study, the College Consortium for International Studies, and the Transatlantic Study Consortium. If students participate in the Missouri

consortium, they will attend classes with students from Missouri colleges and universities.

In the past, Western students have had opportunities to study abroad and earn credit for foreign language classes, or travel with the Global Viewpoint business class, but Dr. Fulton said this program is a great expansion of those opportunities. Although there are study-away courses that last one to two weeks, students may now spend an entire semester at a foreign university.

Dr. Fulton became director of the new program in January, and believes Western has made offering these opportunities a priority. “It’s part of Western’s commitment to its focus on applied studies,” she said.

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Missouri Western State University is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The university offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.