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### New “Maymester” at IU Kokomo offers 3 credits in 4 weeks

**KOKOMO, Ind.**— Indiana University Kokomo is offering a new kind of summer school, one that includes hands-on learning opportunities, travel, and public service, with its new “Maymester” program.

Kathy Parkison, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said faculty were challenged to create unique, month-long classes that gave students the chance to be immersed in the subject, and to apply their knowledge outside the classroom.

“We think they’ve developed some creative, engaging classes that our students can enjoy, while they are also earning credits toward graduating,” Parkison said.

The program is part of the campus’s “Complete in Four,” program, which pushes students to plan ahead to graduate in four years. Parkison said students need to complete 30 credits each year to reach that goal. Maymester offers a short, immersive class to earn an additional three credits in a short time period, leaving the rest of the summer to take additional classes, work, or take a vacation.

Maymester begins Monday, May 13, 2013, and ends Thursday, June 6, 2013.

A variety of new and exciting courses will be offered. For instance, students can choose to study Asian American literature from World War II, which includes a trip to Hawaii. Others are urban geology, complete with fieldwork, a creative performance class in which students write, act in, and direct a play, and a public relations class that includes developing a public relations campaign for a local business or not-for-profit organization.

“We strongly urge our students to take advantage of this opportunity,” Parkison said.

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