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USI becomes origination site in statewide distance education program

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The University of Southern Indiana will become an originating site this fall for statewide televised courses developed in cooperation with the Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education for the Indiana College Network.

The Partnership includes the seven public universities and the state's independent institutions of higher education, with courses carried by the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System (IHETS). Other originators include Ball State, Indiana State, Indiana University-Bloomington, IU/PU-Indianapolis, Ivy Tech-South Bend, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Vincennes University, and WFYI, the Indianapolis public television station.

USI plans to offer degree courses on computers in business, mass communications law, and rehabilitation nursing. These are among dozens of courses to be delivered this fall to nearly 300 reception sites around the state.

WNIN-Channel 9 also is joining the program this fall, with plans to carry six statewide courses on one of the local cable channels. USI's computer and communications law courses are included, along with classes on American history (IUPUI), criminal justice (Indiana State), ethics (IUPUI-Fort Wayne), freshman composition (Ball State), and the information age (IU-Bloomington).

All classes start the week of August 28, with enrollment open until the end of that week. Anyone interested may contact Mrs. Sandra J. Hermann, director of the USI University Division and coordinator of the USI's distance education program, 812/465-1606, or the state office, 800/992-2076.

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