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## **GATEWAY ACCESS CENTERS TO OFFER USI CLASSES**

The University of Southern Indiana will offer freshman-level courses at two downtown Evansville locations this fall, through a new Gateway Access Centers program.

Morning classes will be available at the Evansville Housing Authority (EHA) Community Center at Lincoln Avenue and Governor Street, and evening classes will meet at the Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE) Learning Center on Martin Luther King Boulevard, across from the Post Office. The classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Placement testing, advising, and registration for Gateway Access Centers classes will be held at both locations on Tuesday, August 16 -- at 1 p.m. at the EHA Community Center and at 5 p.m. at CAPE Learning Center. Assistance will be available for filling out admissions and financial assistance applications.

The Gateway Access Centers are being made possible through a partnership of USI, the Evansville Housing Authority, CAPE, and RESPECT, Inc., to offer underprepared and disadvantaged students access to college courses in a familiar environment intended to ease them into college life.

Andrea Baltzell, a USI sophomore and former Gateway student, said familiarity is important to students who are unsure of their academic ability. Familiar surroundings make them "feel more confident and more secure in their decision to go to college," she said. "Students are not targeted as special students; they are not singled out as 'exceptional' students, a label which can lower self esteem. The students are individuals who can feel comfortable asking questions when the instructor knows their first names."

Gateway Access Centers will introduce the students to the college classroom and give them the confidence to set career goals and continue with college work. Those who successfully complete the Gateway courses will be encouraged to continue at the USI campus.

The Gateway program is administered by the USI University Division, which serves students who have not yet decided on a major, and the USI Multicultural Center, newly opened this summer to coordinate minority concerns. For more information about the Gateway Access Centers, call USI, 465-1606.

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