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EIU OFF-CAMPUS ENROLLMENT INCREASES

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's off-campus credit enrollment for the fall semester has increased 27 percent, up 171 students over last year.

This fall's off-campus enrollment of 812 students compared to the 641 total for fall 1989 reflects the growing number of adult students in higher education, coupled with new off-campus sites and expanded programs, according to Dean William Hine of the School of Adult and Continuing Education.

Because students can still register for workshops offered later in the semester, Hine expects fall off-campus enrollment to top 1,000 students.

There are a growing number of Eastern students taking courses at Salem High School and Champaign's Parkland College, which became a new site for Eastern last spring. Course offerings at Decatur's Richland Community College have also been expanded.

Eastern continues to offer courses toward bachelor and master's degrees at Danville Area Community College, Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, and the Eastern Illinois Community College District, which includes Robinson, Olney and Fairfield.

Hine said, "Projections tell us that in this next academic year the number of adult students in higher education will exceed the number of traditional aged students. This dramatic new trend will continue into the 90's and into the next century."