CSU offers first undergraduate international studies program at an Illinois public university

Chicago (February 5, 2009) — Chicago State University is now the first public university in the state with an accredited bachelor’s degree program in international studies. The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the program on January 27, enabling thousands of students throughout the state to pursue this high-demand degree at an affordable cost. The program brings together Chicago State University’s many globally oriented programs under one focus.

“Our new degree program gives our students a way to make international studies the core of their college education,” said CSU President Dr. Frank G. Pogue. “Chicago State is now the only public university in Illinois to offer an undergraduate degree in international studies. This opens the door to an affordable global education for thousands of residents of the state.”

The new degree program is housed in CSU’s department of History, Philosophy and Political Science. Students can choose a concentration from such areas as international relations, law, history, public health, environmentalism and others.

Department chair Dr. Thomas Bernard Rowan, III, who headed the effort to create the program said there are many students already at Chicago State who are interested in this major, but until now had no central focus with an international or global perspective. “There is a demand for this program, not only from our students, but also from area high schools students who want an affordable, challenging program that will prepare them for international endeavors,” said Rowan.

Chicago State already has several offerings with a global emphasis including nine foreign languages, international marketing, and geography.

For more information on the international studies program, contact Dr. Rowan at 773-995-2439.