



**FINDING AID TO
THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SHORT
AND WINTER COURSES, RECORDS, 1889-1974**

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	Announcements, correspondence, directories, financial statements, grade sheets, memorandums, programs, reports, and other materials documenting the history, administration, and activities of Short and Winter Courses offered by Purdue University's College of Agriculture
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Administrative Information

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**Related Materials
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College of Agriculture, Administration of the College of
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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Purdue University. College of Agriculture.

Form and Genre Types

Announcements

Brochures

Bulletins

Certificates

Correspondence

Directories

Financial Materials

Memorandums

Newsletters

Programs

Reports

History of Short and Winter Courses

Purdue's agricultural faculty started offering special classes in agriculture during the winter of 1887-88. Held annually in January and February, the eight-week "Winter School of Agriculture" offered Agriculture and Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy and Creamery classes to non-Purdue students. Taught by regular staff members in the College of Agriculture, the Winter Courses, according to a 1953 article in the *Purdue Agriculturist*, emphasized "current information on modern agriculture and the increasing complexity of farm operation due to more mechanization, larger capital investments, greater management skills, use of improved varieties of grains and pasture crops, conservation of soil fertility, use of improved feeding practices, and control of livestock and plant diseases and pests." The Winter Course program was especially tailored for young male farmers who could not attend a four year college because of insufficient time, money, preparation, or desire. The *Agriculturist* estimated that over 10,000 individuals participated in the program between the late-1880s and early-1960s.

The College of Agriculture also offered various Farmers Short Courses, which were much shorter in duration than the two-month-long Winter Courses. The Farmers Short Course held January 14-19, 1907, featured talks, discussions, and lectures by Agriculture and Home Economics faculty concerning such topics as: horticulture, corn growing, baking, insects and insecticides, animal parasites, bacteria and home sanitation, cattle and hog feeding, home planning and furnishing, fertilizers, milk testing and creaming, and horse, hog, and corn judging. The February 1907 issue of *Purdue Agriculturist* informed its readers that the purpose of the course was "to get the practical farmers of this state together and lead them out along such courses of instruction as would tend to make them more interested in their business and make them better able to solve the agricultural problems that are constantly arising."

Sources:

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Riggs, Jim. "Purdue's Short Course Is Revised." *Purdue Agriculturist* 53 (Mar. 1962): 6.

"Short Course." *Purdue Agriculturist* 1 (March 1907): 5-7.

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Collection Description

Scope

The College of Agriculture, Short and Winter Courses, records (1889-1974; 12.2 cubic feet) consists of administrative files (including correspondence, directories, financial records, newsletters, publicity materials, questionnaires, scholarship information and records, etc.), 1948-1967; correspondence, 1917-1920, 1942-1950; programs, announcements, etc., 1900s-1940s; and other materials documenting the history, activities, and administration of agricultural Short and Winter Courses at Purdue University.

The Records are organized into single series largely arranged chronologically by material type.

Descriptive Rules Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All materials are housed in acid-free manuscript boxes. Some materials have been placed in acid-free folders. Others remain in their original folders.

Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 14.20 to UA 70 as of February 22, 2017.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Boxes 1-9 contain various materials, including: brochures, bulletins, class cards, certificates, correspondence, course listings, directories, financial records, instructor lists, mailing lists, newsletters, parking permits, photographs, publicity materials, questionnaires, schedules, and scholarship information and records.

Box 1 Winter and Short Courses Files, 1948-1956

87 Folders (some are empty)

Box 2 Winter Courses Files, 1957-1958

56 Folders

Box 3 Winter Courses Files, 1959

36 Folders

Box 4 Winter Courses Files, 1960-1961

40 Folders

Box 5 Winter Courses Files, 1961-1962

45 Folders

Box 6 Winter Courses Files, 1962-1963

39 Folders

Box 7 Winter Courses Files, 1964-1965

56 Folders

Box 8 Winter Courses Files, 1965-1966

62 Folders

Box 9 Winter Courses Files, 1966-1967

53 Folders. Includes annual reports for 1916-1954.

Box 10 Short Courses, Correspondence, Reports, Etc., 1917-1920

Folder

1. General, 1917
2. General, 1918
3. General, 1919
4. General, 1919-1920
5. General, 1920
6. Instructors in the Corn Room, 1917
7. Instructors in the Corn Room & Information in Regard to Corn, 1918
8. Report on Farmers' Short Course, 1917
9. Report on Farmers' Short Course, 1918

Box 11 Short Courses, Correspondence, Etc., 1942-1950

Folder

1. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1945-1946
2. G.M Frier and W.F. Graham, 1945-1946
3. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1948-1949
4. W.F. Graham, 1943
5. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1942-1943
6. State Fair, 1942
7. Prof. G.M. Frier, 1942-1943
8. Appointments, Leaves, Resignations, Etc., 1949-1950
9. Staff, 1949-195
10. G.M. Frier, 1943-1944
11. W.F. Graham, Indiana Safety & Health Congress, 1943
12. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1943-1944
13. G.M. Frier, 1943-1944
14. W.F. Graham, Farm Safety, 1944
15. Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Etc., 1944-1945

Box 12 Short Courses, State Fair Exhibits, Materials, 1939-1941

Mostly Correspondence.

Folder

1. State Fair, 4-H Club, 1939-1941
2. State Fair, 1940

Box 13 Short Courses, Technical Extension Division, Materials, 1953-1954

Correspondence, Grade Reports, Pamphlets

Folder

1. Correspondence, Etc.
2. Grade Reports
3. Programs

4. Correspondence & Student Rosters
5. Student Contact Forms
6. Receipt Booklets
7. Course Schedules

Box 14 Short Courses, Miscellaneous Materials, 1920-1923

Correspondence, reports, memorandums, financial statements

Folder

1. 1922-1923
2. 1923
3. 1916
4. 1921-1922
5. 1921-1922, cont.
6. 1922
7. 1921
8. 1920-1921

Box 15 Short Courses, Programs, Announcements, Etc., 1900s-1940s

Folder

1. Programs, 1903-1910
2. Programs, 1911-1916
3. Programs, 1917-1918, 1920-1922
4. Programs, 1911, 1922-1923, 1926-1929
5. Summary Book, 1907-1942
6. Report, 1928
7. Announcements, 1907, 1909-1910, 1912
8. Announcements, 1914, 1917-1919
9. Announcements, 1919-1922
10. Announcements, 1924-1926, 1930

Box 16 Winter Course, Materials, 1904-1919

Correspondence, Directories, Lists, Grade Sheets, Plans, Outlines, Etc.

Folder

1. Name Lists, 1907
2. Grades (Men), 1908
3. Names & Addresses, 1908
4. Names & Addresses, 1909
5. Names & Addresses, 1910
6. Grades, 1911
7. Grades, 1912

8. Grades, 1913
9. Grades, 1914
10. Catalogue Material, 1915
11. Grades, 1915
12. List of County Chairmen, Institute Speakers, Dairy Associations, Etc.; Circulars, 1916
13. Catalogue Material for 1916 Courses, 1915
14. Students, Lists, 1915-1916
15. Students, Name Slips, c.1916
16. Grades, 1916
17. Circular Materials, 1917
18. Judging Contest, 1917
19. Grades, 1904-1905
20. Circular Manuscript, 1919
21. Circular Materials, 1917-1918
22. Judging Contest, 1918
23. Grades, 1918
24. Miscellaneous, 1917-1918
25. Students, Lists, 1918
26. Miscellaneous, 1918
27. Grades, 1917
28. Catalogue Material, 1917
29. Grades, 1906

Box 17 Winter Course, Materials, 1919-1925

Correspondence, Directories, Lists, Grade Sheets, Plans, Outlines, Etc.

Folder

1. Miscellaneous, 1923, 1925
2. 1925
3. 1924
4. 1923-1924
5. 1923
6. 1923 (Announcement)
7. 1922
8. 1922 (Names of Prospective Students)
9. 1922 Schedules
10. 1920
11. 1921 (Grades)
12. 1921 (Judging Contest)
13. 1921
14. 1919

Box 18 Winter Courses and Summer School, Announcements, 1880s-1970s

Folder

1. Winter Courses, 1889-1892
2. Winter Courses, 1900-1902
3. Winter Courses, 1903-1905
4. Winter Courses, 1906-1908
5. Winter Courses, 1909-1911
6. Winter Courses, 1913-1914
7. Winter Courses, 1915-1916
8. Winter Courses, 1919-1924
9. Winter Courses, 1925-1928
10. Winter Courses, 1929-1931
11. Winter Courses, 1933-1938
12. Winter Courses, 1939-1941, 1943-1945
13. Winter Courses, 1956-1959, 1961-1968
14. Winter Courses, 1970, 1974
15. Summer School, 1915, 1917, 1920
16. Summer School, 1929-1930, 1932-1933
17. Summer School for Teachers, News Bulletins, 1913