Descriptive Summary

Creator Information  Purdue University, College of Agriculture, Short and Winter Courses

Title  College of Agriculture, Short and Winter Courses, records

Collection Identifier  UA 70

Date Span  1889-1974

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

Extent  12.2 cubic feet (9 c.f. boxes, 9 mss. boxes)

Finding Aid Author  John Michael Foster, 2013

Languages  English

Repository  Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center, Purdue University Libraries

Administrative Information

Location Information:  HR

Access Restrictions:  Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information:  Records transfer, Purdue University

Custodial History:  Chris Sigurdson, Agricultural Communication, to ASC; Purdue University Libraries to ASC; College of Agriculture to ASC

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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:


“Gleanings From the Farmers Short Course.” Purdue Agriculturist 1 (Feb. 1907): 3-11.


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

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
9. Staff, 1949-195
10. G.M. Frier, 1943-1944
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
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**Box 17  Winter Course, Materials, 1919-1925**  
*Correspondence, Directories, Lists, Grade Sheets, Plans, Outlines, Etc.*

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**Box 18  Winter Courses and Summer School, Announcements, 1880s-1970s**
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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
16. Summer School, 1929-1930, 1932-1933
17. Summer School for Teachers, News Bulletins, 1913