

Course changes at universities reflect 'relevancy'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — This fall the nation's state universities will be offering new courses, new degrees and changes in old requirements, many of them reflecting some of the demands of today's college students for "relevancy" and "involvement."

A survey conducted by the Office of Research and Information of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) among its 117 member institutions showed also:

Environmental studies are expanding at a rapid rate and an increasing number of universities offer degrees in the various environmental sciences. More universities are inaugurating or expanding ethnic programs, with particular emphasis on Afro-American and American Indian studies.

New colleges are being set up within a number of universities and new graduate and undergraduate degrees are widening the choices of students' majors at many institutions. There are substantial changes at some of the medical schools, including those which are shortening their programs by a year.

Some examples of these changes:

ENVIRONMENT: Purdue University will launch courses in Thermal Pollution and Noise Control. Another new course at Purdue, Air Pollution Control, will be open to seniors and first-year graduate students and will involve work with local industry or city government.

City University of New York's Richmond College will offer the first bachelor's degree in environmental health science. The new specialization is based on existing courses in the sciences, plus three new courses: Principles of Epidemiology; Public Health Administration, and Environmental Health Survey Study.

Pennsylvania State University will be the first in the country to offer a Doctor of Education in the Earth Sciences, a degree which embraces the fields of the geological sciences, meteorology and physical geography.

Miami University opens new programs this fall which can lead to a master's degree in environmental science.

Virginia State College will offer a new course on The Environment: The Crisis of Survival, centering on the physical, chemical and biological implication of man's neglect and misuse of his environment. State University of New York at Albany will inaugurate a program in environmental studies this fall, including broad introductory courses and a concentration for those wishing to major in the field. Auburn University will begin a course in ecology, in response to student requests made in a survey.

Alabama A&M University will offer a new BS degree in Environmental Sciences and the University of Oklahoma a BS in Environmental Design, stressing pre-architecture or construction programs. The University of Montana

will present a master's degree in Environmental Science.

The University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources is being extensively reorganized this fall, providing for faculty involvement in a wide range of disciplines and the development of new courses. At the undergraduate level the school will provide a flexible program in which students with no specific career goal can obtain a "liberal, environmentally oriented bachelor's degree."

In addition, the school will continue to offer programs in such areas as conservation, fisheries, forestry, naturalist education, and wildlife management. It also has master's and doctoral degree programs.

ETHNIC STUDIES: The University of Maryland will begin a bachelor's degree program in Afro-American studies this fall. New minors in both Black and American Indian studies will be offered at the University of Arizona. The University of Alaska will have a Northern Studies curriculum, the University of Delaware a new Black Studies program with a full-time director.

A BA degree in Ethnic Studies will be available for the first time at the University of Texas at Austin. Cornell will offer a master's in African Studies, and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle will have a Native American Studies course.

The University of Washington will open an Ethnic Cultural Center in September, including facilities for exhibits, the performing arts, study and tutorial rooms. The Center for Afro-American Culture will become a full fledged department at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Montana State University will expand its American Indian program, with one of its goals encouragement of Indian students to maintain close ties with the reservation while they attend school.

Pennsylvania State University will offer a new course in Polish culture and civilization.

The Princess Beatrix Chair of Dutch Language, Literature, and Culture will be established at the University of California at Berkeley. The government of the Netherlands is sharing half the expenses for it with the University. Eight upper division courses in Dutch will be offered in the fall; an independent major will be possible in two years, and graduate courses will be given in three years.

NEW PROGRAMS AND DEGREES: The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is opening a new College of Architecture. The University of Delaware inaugurates a College of Marine Studies and will begin an undergraduate program in criminal justice. The University of Illinois at Chicago Circle launches a College of Urban Sciences. A Department of Religion opens at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The University of Connecticut embarks on several new programs this fall. The School of Pharmacy's five-year curriculum has been

expanded from 152 to 158 credits in the first step toward developing a new breed of pharmacist, one oriented from products to patients, as in hospitals where the pharmacist would concern himself more with the effect drugs have on patients.

A number of changes are noted in medical schools. The University of Iowa has started a new Family Practice Program in its College of

Medicine to encourage more students to become general practitioners. The University of Florida's College of Medicine has established a new Department of Community Health and Family Medicine, as part of its effort to prepare a larger number of family physicians for practice in the state. It will offer a residence program in family medicine and continuing education for the prac-

ticing physician in this field. The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine will open in the fall; among its features will be a six-year program coordinating two pre-medical and four medical study years. Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina have started a new program which leads to a Doctor of Medicine degree after five calendar years.

Each student will spend 24 months at Clemson and then transfer to the Medical University to complete requirements for the M.D. degree within 36 months.

An Osteopathic Medical College will open at Michigan State University.

A graduate program in biomedical science to prepare black students for careers in teaching and research in the South begins this

fall at the University of Tennessee.

Ohio State University has established a Center for Bio-Medical Engineering. Scientists and engineers who work together on research problems now will be able to enroll in courses in other disciplines; medical students can take courses in basic engineering, engineering students in the life sciences, etc.

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