

Plan of Work for Winter Courses

In all courses except the dairy manufacturing courses the year consists of three terms of five weeks each. Students may enter at the beginning of any term. The course is so planned that a definite unit of work is completed during each five-week period, except in a few subjects of the second and third schedules.

The subjects of the first year schedule are required for graduation for all who are not high school graduates, but the work of the second and third year schedules is entirely elective. This provides that the person in the second and third year schedules may select their own branches of study subject to rules of the Winter Course Committee as given below. A diploma is granted upon the completion of two years' work equivalent to 36 credits. Preliminary training as explained under "Requirements for Admission" may shorten this period. Parliamentary Practice and Physical Education are required for the first two years of work. Library instruction is required in the first year schedule.

The graduate may return for his third winter and select subjects which he was unable to get in former years. In this way he will get much more nearly what the collegiate student gets in his full year period of instruction.

The course is planned for a maximum of four subjects and parliamentary practice, physical education and library. This provides for lectures, recitations, laboratory practice, and demonstrations, with definite assignments for study during free periods and evenings. In the laboratories, students are given practice in such subjects as stock and grain judging, grafting, budding and pruning fruit trees, testing seeds, laying tile drains, operating farm engines and machines, mixing rations for animals, examining horses for soundness. Classes begin at 8 A. M., continuing until 4:30 with a noon intermission from 12 to 1:30 P. M. No classes are held Saturday afternoon.

Requirements for Admission

No entrance examination is required. Students should be at least 16 years old and should have a common school education to pursue the studies of the Winter Courses to the

best advantage. Persons who have not completed a common school education, but who are by age and experience fitted for the work may be admitted to the course. Experience has shown that the young men at least 20 years of age who have a general knowledge of farming are able to secure the greatest benefit from the course.

See page 25 for additional information on short unit course admission.

Persons who are graduates of high school or its equivalent may enter the Winter Courses with the privilege of selecting work from either the first, second, or third year schedules. Credit toward a Winter Course certificate will be granted for work completed in agriculture in high schools or colleges if the work is of similar grade and quality. Thirty-six credits are required for graduation but this may be reduced by credit for work done in high school or College subject to approval of the credits by the Winter Course Committee. At least 18 credits of Winter Course work must be completed at Madison before a certificate is granted.

Graduates of high schools who have had two or more years of agriculture and others with equivalent training in agriculture from county agent short courses and county schools of agriculture, may complete the course in less than two winters of 15 weeks each. The maximum credit granted for this work will be 18 credits and the amount of credit will depend upon the number of years of agriculture, the quality of instruction, projects and equipment, of the institution where the agriculture was taken.

A record of work from the school for which credit is to be requested together with subjects, semesters taken, standings and certificate of graduation or attendance signed by the high school principal should be sent to T. L. Bewick, Director of Winter Courses a month before you wish to enter so there will be time to pass on records and plan schedule before registration day. Do not delay in having records sent to Madison.

Regulations of Winter Courses

In addition to regulations given in other sections of this circular the following have been adopted by the Winter Course Committee.