

Courses Offered

PROJECTS IN HOUSE DESIGN: A Senior Course at Purdue University

This course was designed to give students at the senior level experience in dealing with clients before entering the world of work. All the students' previous training in house design and space needs is called upon as they work on remodeling projects for families in Lafayette, Indiana area. During the semester each student is required to complete three family projects. Each project includes a complete set of blueprints, specifications, cost analysis, and color rendering. The families involved receive the services at no charge.

PURDUE COURSE OFFERS PRACTICAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE HOME FURNISHINGS AREA

This past Fall Jim Avery added a work experience program to one of the advanced furnishings courses at Purdue University. He contacted decorators, specialty shops, furniture stores and drapery shops in the Lafayette area and asked if they would let a student work with them for two hours each week for the Fall semester. The merchants and decorators contacted all agreed to participate in the program and the nine students in the class were randomly assigned. The students received no pay and were responsible for their own transportation.

Specific benefits for the students varied with the type of business. Students working in the specialty shop (imported housewares, some furniture) stocked shelves, and dusted. They also learned the most about business opera-

tions. The student assigned to the drapery shop did cleaning and stocking and met some customers. Students who worked with the decorators planned displays and had experience in meeting clients and trade sources. The students assigned to the furniture store probably had the least satisfactory experience. They spent most of their time looking through furniture catalogs.

The students felt that this had been a valuable experience. They all agreed that the most interesting part of the program was the contact they had with customers and clients. They found the day-to-day maintenance of a decorating business to be boring, but felt that it was good for them to also see this aspect of the business world.

Purdue Summer Session Department of Equipment & Family Housing

E&FH 510 — Activity Area Planning — Functional and research basis for planning and arranging work and activity areas in the home. 8 weeks, 3 hours semester credit.

E&FH 595B — Special course for home economics teachers in housing and furnishings. 8 weeks, 3 hours semester credit.

Two special short courses: Kitchen Planning and Lighting. 1 week each, 1 semester hour credit each.

For more information, write to:
Department of Equipment and Family
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TENNESSEE PH.D. PROGRAM

The College of Home Economics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has instituted an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program with a focus on improvement of the quality of living of individuals and families in relation to man's economic, social, psychological, physiological and esthetic needs. Under the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, four options are available:

- (1) Individual and Family Behavior;
- (2) Physiological Development and Well Being;
- (3) Environmental Factors; and
- (4) Consumers' Economic and Social Well Being.

The Environmental Factors Option involves the study of design, housing, food services systems, clothing, textiles, or crafts as they relate to human needs. Emphasis may be on the impact of cultural, sociological, psychological, or economics change, technological devel-

opments, or an esthetics in improving the quality of the environment.

Under the Consumers' Economics and Social Well Being Option, emphasis may be on the relationship between family structure and decision-making processes in the use of human resources, the effects of social, macro- and micro-economic and political development on consumption patterns and other behavior, or community programs to meet the socio-economic needs of consumers.

The student has primary responsibility for selection of his or her committee and program of study. It is possible for a student to study housing using a variety of approaches.

For more information on the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Home Economics at Tennessee, contact Dr. Jo Lynn Cunningham, Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, College of Home Economics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.