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What Is Home Management?

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Do you sometimes feel that the things you learn in various courses are stored away in compartments of your brain marked "for later use"? Do you ever wonder if you'll be able to take each subject out of its special cubby hole, mix well with judgment and perform well as the situation demands?

One course in the College of Home Economics puts you into a position where you can take those things out of cubby holes and actually put them to use in a variety of situations that you might face in the future. This course involves a laboratory in living for one-half a quarter, 24 hours a day.

The course is one that many students know very little about . . . Home Management 475, or Home Management House. The "class work" consists of living and learning with a group of college women in one of the home management duplexes. All in all, it's a laboratory in making decisions in everyday living. This is where the courses taken in sociology, psychology, foods and art during the first years in college are pulled together into situations of everyday life.

The house living course is really the chance to put training in home economics to work and see just what things there are to do in a home and how many ways there are of doing them. Several social sciences — sociology, psychology, economics — are at work as foundations for making the necessary decisions in a home.

Six to eight girls move into a house for a certain period of time. Each of these groups is different in its make-up, abilities and end goals. Each group sets up its own set of goals for special things they might like to accomplish. As an example, my house group decided to invite several freshmen and sophomores for a coffee hour to introduce them to the house course.

During the coffee hour we discovered that students in dormitories, living for months within a stone’s throw of the home management houses, knew little about what actually went on inside them. The following are some questions these girls asked concerning the home management houses . . . questions that might be asked by any freshman or sophomore majoring in home economics.

WHO TAKES HOME MANAGEMENT 475?

Any girl majoring in home economics with

Questions and Answers:

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WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES?

The two prerequisites are Home Management 174, which is in the home economics core curriculum, and Foods & Nutrition 303, a study of meal management, which is outside the core curriculum.
HOW LONG DO YOU STAY?
Girls move into the house for one-half a quarter, either the first or second half. This year, as an experiment, the Home Management Department has offered the course for a complete quarter. Two groups have lived in the house for a full quarter; however, it is not yet known if this program will be continued next year.

WHAT DO YOU STUDY IN THE HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE WHILE YOU LIVE THERE?
One of the first responsibilities is determining the goals of the particular house group in which you live. Second is deciding on how to accomplish these goals, and third is evaluation of how well you have done.

WHAT COURSES CAN YOU TAKE WITH THE HOUSE?
What you take when in the house varies from major to major. There is one of three different possibilities.

1. Some students may block student teaching for one-half of the quarter with the house and Home Management 488 (Family Finance) the other half.

2. Others may take the house for one-half of the quarter and Home Management 488 the other half in addition to a normal class schedule. (foods and nutrition majors)

3. Some who don't block courses will take the house alone and limit their credit hours to 16.

WHAT HOURS ARE KEPT BY GIRLS LIVING IN THE HOUSES?
Regular college hours for women are kept, similar to those in any organized residence for women.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
Currently, a fee of $45–50 is charged for food, laundry, utilities and miscellaneous items in addition to $35 for room rent.