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For Freshmen Inspection—

Our Major Departments on Review

For newcomers, Elizabeth Ann Murfield summarizes the training in each department of home economics.

Now that you freshmen are enrolled in the world's largest school of home economics, you'll be seriously considering your choice of major. Although there's no need for a hasty decision, it's wise to have a general knowledge of all departments in the Home Economics Division.

Applied Art

The applied art major learns to recognize qualities of fine design and appreciate objects of real beauty. She learns to apply principles of design in the purchasing, assembling and using of home furnishings and accessories. She knows and enjoys the masterpieces representative of art from early to modern times and applies the knowledge she has gained in countless ways to daily living and in her home.

Many applied art majors, after having met educational requirements, find positions as teachers or rural extension specialists. Some graduates work as saleswomen in drapery or interior decorating departments of stores where their knowledge of art may help customers select their purchases. A few graduates of the department who have special abilities find positions as designers and interior decorators.

Child Development

The Child Development Department was established for the purpose of giving students a better appreciation and understanding of children. The college nursery school serves as a laboratory for child study. Observation of the children as they eat, rest and play under the guidance of instructors and assistant teaching give the students practical experience as well as an opportunity to study child life at various ages.

Upon graduation, students are qualified for such positions as nursery school teachers, teachers in settlement houses, private nurseries and orphanages. Some graduates become governesses in homes.

Each quarter two senior students who are especially interested in child development are selected to attend the Merrill-Palmer School of Homemaking in Detroit, where they have additional opportunity to study certain aspects of child life.

Foods and Nutrition

Four majors are available in the Foods and Nutrition Department: dietetics, experimental cookery, nutrition and related science.

Following graduation the dietetics major serves a year's internship in an approved hospital. After this period of additional training, she becomes a full-fledged dietitian. Dietitians secure positions in such institutions as hospitals and dinings halls in colleges and homes for children and the aged.

Girls interested in entering the business world frequently major in experimental cookery. Commercial firms offer positions to well qualified graduates who may find work in food preparation, production, promotion and research.

Nutrition majors prepare themselves for social welfare or extension work. Extension specialists often choose as helpful electives courses in education and the Iowa Homemaker.
animal nutrition. Electives for those interested in social welfare work might include sociology, psychology and child development.

A student interested in graduate study, research or an appointment as a laboratory technician in foods and nutrition would probably select related science as her major. She would then supplement home economics courses with work in chemistry, physics, mathematics and foreign language.

Home Economics Education

A grade in education is qualified to meet the state requirements in education, psychology and home economics for a teacher's standard secondary certificate in Iowa.

In addition to an inclusive program of home economics subjects, a liberal background of English and the physical, biological and social sciences is included in the education curriculum. Electives are provided so that the teacher may also become qualified to teach classes in subjects other than home economics.

Some education majors, after several years of teaching experience, become home demonstration agents or enter farm security work.

Home Management

The home management major learns to treat homemaking as an art and a science. This curriculum offers general training to young women who, for the most part, are not intending to go into professional work.

All students of the Home Economics Division spend six weeks of their senior year in a home management house where they receive actual experience in working and living with a group of adults and a baby. They come in contact with the managerial and social problems of the home and group life.

Household Equipment

Because there is an increasing demand for women well trained in household equipment, the curriculum has grown to one that prepares the students for positions in the professional and commercial world. They are equipped to give valuable assistance to modern homemakers who are frequently puzzled by the bewildering array of labor-saving devices on the market.

Equipment manufacturing firms are demanding increasing numbers of women as home economics directors. Graduates find positions as utility home service directors, college teachers and extension and research workers in college and commercial laboratories.

Institution Management

The Institution Management Department prepares its majors for supervision of the housing and feeding of large groups. They gain practical experience before graduation by working in the Institution Tea Room, the Memorial Union and cooperative dormitories.

Grades fill positions as food service and housing department managers in college residence halls, clubs and hotels. They also direct the food service in tea rooms, cafeterias, restaurants and college dining halls.

Technical Journalism

The graduate in journalism must not only have the ability to write well but also a strong home economics background. She must be an enthusiastic student and a specialist in some phase of home economics. The journalist is an interpreter who must explain technical information to the average homemaker in terms that she will readily understand.

A variety of writing positions is open to well qualified graduates in home economics journalism, particularly those who have specialized in foods or equipment. Positions may include editorial or freelance work for daily papers, farm journals, women's magazines and syndicates.

Textiles and Clothing

The women who elect a major in textiles and clothing study various phases of textiles as well as the mechanics of clothing construction. They learn to be intelligent buyers.

In costume design classes textiles majors become familiar with the principles of good clothing design. In construction classes they may make some of the garments they have previously designed, while in advanced courses they drape fabrics on the figure.

After graduation these women frequently find positions in which they sell textiles and ready-to-wear garments. Some women work as buyers or directors of women's departments in large stores.