

Urbanology program being offered by UCSD

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Urban environments and their impact on human behavior will be the focus of a new program in Southeast San Diego for part-time students offered this spring by the University of California Extended University Project through the San Diego and Riverside campuses.

Through the program, called Urbanology, individuals have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in urban studies.

Classes will begin Wednesday, April 2, at the Neighborhood House, 841 S. 41st St. Deadline for enrollment is April 9 when the second week of instruction will begin.

The Extended University was established three years ago to serve the needs of individuals qualified for university studies, but unable to enroll full-time because of work obligations, finances or location.

The urbanology program is being coordinated by the San Diego and Riverside campuses, the first multi-campus effort in the Extended University. At UCSD, the program is directed by the Third College Urban and Rural Studies Program and its coordinator, Dr. Joyce B. Justus.

According to Dr. Justus, the urbanology program is aimed primarily at individuals working in urban-related fields who wish to expand their knowledge and skills.

She said the use of off-campus learning centers and course scheduling in the evenings and on weekends were chosen particularly for the convenience of that type of student.

Studies will focus on the planning and delivery of human services in the urban setting including health and social services, transportation, education, housing and recreation and cultural affairs.

Initial courses this spring will be "The City: An Introduction" and "Research Methods." They will be taught from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays April 2 through June 5.

Instruction will be provided by UC Riverside faculty members Dr. Ronald J. McAllister, chairman and assistant professor of urban studies, and Dr. Richard Paulson, lecturer in urban studies.

Two courses will be offered for each of three quarters during the 1975-76 academic year. They will include "Regional Planning," "Urban Politics and Plans," "Urban Sociology" and "Planning Theory."

"We'll be using an interdisciplinary approach to urban problem solving," Dr. Justus said, "in an attempt to break down the traditional distinctions between teaching, research and public service. Part of that approach will include field experience under faculty guidance aimed at providing students with an understanding of the multi-faceted city."

"The interaction we hope to have in this program reflects the university's commitment to the community and its concern for maintaining contact between the two groups. Those interests are particularly important in the field of urban and rural studies."

Enrollment is open to California residents who have completed 84 or more transferable quarter units with an average of C or better from an accredited institution of higher learning. To be transferable, units must have been earned in courses consistent with those offered at the University of California.

Fees for the program are \$105 per quarter, half the amount paid for full-time study, and \$20 for a one-time fee to be paid with the filing of an application.

When classes begin in Southeast San Diego, there will be four urbanology programs in operation. Courses were first offered in Escondido and Ventura last fall and in Palm Springs in January.

Initially, all students in the urban studies program will be enrolled at UC Riverside although they may ultimately receive their degrees from any of the participating campuses.

Further information and applications for the program are available by writing the Urban and Rural Studies Program of UCSD's Third College, Building 411, Matthews campus or by calling the office at 452-3690.

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