

UCSD and UCR to offer extended university project on urbanology

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

Called Urbanology, the program offers the opportunity for the Bachelor of Arts degree in urban studies.

In the San Diego area, classes are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Grant Community School in Escondido and at the Neighborhood House, 4262 Market St., in Southeast San Diego provided a minimum of 15 students enroll at each location.

Now beginning its third year, the Extended University was established to serve the needs of individuals qualified for university studies, but who are unable to enroll full-time because of work obligations, finances, location or home responsibilities.

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

Using an interdisciplinary approach to urban problem-solving, the program will attempt to break down traditional distinctions between teaching, research and public service. Field experience under faculty guidance will be aimed at providing students with an understanding of the multi-faceted city.

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 affair.

Enrollment is open to California residents who have completed 34 or more transferable quarter units with an average of C or better from an accredited institution of higher learning.

Fees for the program are \$100 per quarter, half the amount paid for full-time study, and \$20 for a one-time application fee to be paid with the filing of the application.

During the first year of the program, two courses will be offered for each of three quarters. Initial classes for fall will be "The City: An Introduction" and "Research Methods." Planned for the winter quarter are courses on "Planning Theory" and "Urban Sociology." "Regional Planning" and "Community Psychology" will be taught in the spring.

In addition to courses offered in the San Diego area, the same program will be taught in Ventura starting in the fall. A Palm Springs program will open winter quarter and another learning center will be in operation in Ontario beginning in the spring.

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.

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.

"This new program reflects the university's commitment to the community and its concern for maintaining contact between the two groups," Dr. Justus said. "Those interests are particularly important in the field of urban and rural studies."

Further information and applications for the program are available from the Urban and Rural Studies Program of UCSD's Third College.

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