OUTLINE FOR HISTORY

of the

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Prepared by

DOUGLAS C. RIDGLEY
and
MARY E. ROBB

1918
The courses offered from 1857-1918 are listed in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Date of Introduction</th>
<th>Time allowed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. General Principles of Geog; South America; North America;</td>
<td>1858</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Astronomical Geog.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. North America and Europe</td>
<td>1858</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Asia and Physical Geography</td>
<td>1858</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. General Principles of Geog.</td>
<td>1876</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. North America</td>
<td>1876</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Physical Geography</td>
<td>1876</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. General Principles and North America</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. Europe and Eastern Continents</td>
<td>1886</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Astronomical Geography</td>
<td>1894</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Method in Geography</td>
<td>1899</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11. United States Geography</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12. Mathematical Geography and Study of Europe</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>3 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13. Mathematical Geog; South America and Eastern Hemisphere</td>
<td>1900</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14. Elementary Physiography</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15. Human Geography</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16. Type Studies</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17. Commercial Geography</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18. Advanced Physiography</td>
<td>1903</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19. General Geog. of World</td>
<td>1913</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20. Geog. of Minor Continents</td>
<td>1913</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21. Primary Geography</td>
<td>1914</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22. Geography of South America</td>
<td>1915</td>
<td>1 term</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Senior College Courses**

23. Geography of Europe                                                  | 1911                 | 1 term       |
24. Advanced Physiography                                                | 1911                 | 1 term       |
25. Method in Geography                                                 | 1911                 | 1 term       |
26. Geology                                                             | 1912                 | 1 term       |
27. Climatology                                                        | 1912                 | 1 term       |
28. Conservation of Natural Resources                                   | 1912                 | 1 term       |

**Summer School Courses not Offered in Regular Terms**

29. Home Geography                                                     |                      |              |
30. Intermediate Geography                                             |                      |              |
31. Geography of Illinois                                              |                      |              |
32. Mathematical Geography                                             |                      |              |
33. Geography of Illinois                                              |                      |              |
34. Field Lessons in Geography                                         |                      |              |
The senior college courses and the special summer school courses are electives. Practically all other courses have been required in some curricula and elective in all others.

Scope and Aim of the Department

From the opening of the institution, the aim of the geography teaching has been the preparation of students for the teaching of geography in the elementary schools.

With the definite introduction of Senior College courses this aim was somewhat enlarged to include the preparation of teachers for departmental work in geography and a better preparation for high school work than previously. The Senior College courses have resulted in stimulating interest in geography in a number of students who have continued their work at Chicago University and elsewhere and are now holding excellent positions in large high schools, normal schools, and other institutions of higher learning.

Rooms and Equipment

The geography and history work constituted a single department until 1901. After the geography department was established in 1901, the work was carried on in Room 13 of the main building until the opening of the present library building in 1914.

In the remodeling of the library buildings, ample provision was made for the geography work. Two classrooms and an office were set aside for the department. A lecture room was fitted for lantern work. With this arrangement of classrooms, office, and lantern room in the library building, the department is as well provided with rooms as any department might wish.

The equipment of maps, globes, apparatus, museum material, and library resources is ample for the courses offered. The following items include the more important items of geographical equipment.

2 sets of standard political maps in Garden City Cases
2 " " " physical " " " " " " " " rainfall " " " " " " " " vegetation " " " " " " " " relief models of continents, U.S. and world.
1 Howell relief models of U.S.
1 Selected geological folios
Selected topographic maps
Numerous special maps mounted on common rollers

1 Tellurian
2 globes each 18-inches in diameter
1 set of Harvard Models
39 museum exhibits of Opto Industrial Collection
25 Museum exhibits privately acquired

800 classified lantern slides
2400 classified stereographs
The library resources always available for geography classes include a good collection of books on geography and travel, geographical magazines, atlases, encyclopedias, hundreds of books, pamphlets, and bound magazines containing valuable geographical material and several thousand mounted pictures of value in teaching geography.

Personel of Teaching Staff 1857-1918
(Titles are given as they appear in the annual catalogs.)

Edwin C. Hewett, Instructor in Geography and History 1858-1869
John W. Powell, Professor of Geology and Curator of
  Museum
Henry C. McCormick, Professor of Geography and History 1866-1873
Lizzie P. Swan, Assistant in Geography and History 1869-1901
Eva Wilkins, Assistant in Geography and History 1886-1892
Mary Judson Averett, Instructor in Geography 1892-1904
Marien Crawford Lyons, Assistant in Geography and Hist. 1901-1903
Douglas C. Ridgley, Professor of Geography 1902-1903
George A. Barker, Assistant in Geography 1903-
Myrta Lisle McClellan, Assistant in Geography 1908-1912
Mabel C. Stark, Assistant in Geography 1912-1913
Eunice R. Blackburn, Assistant in Geography 1913-1917
Mary E. Robb, Assistant in Geography 1917

Summer School Faculty

William J. Sutherland, late president of Plateville (Wis.) Normal School 1906
Rose Bland, now Director City Training School, Youngstown, Ohio 1908
John Arthur Strong, now principal Whittier School Oak Park, Illinois 1909
Henry Harrison Russell, of I.S.N.U. 1911
Bernard Henry Schockel, now Professor of Geography, Indiana State Normal School 1913
Harry Lathrop, now Professor of Geography, State Normal School, Flagstaff, Arizona 1915
Mendel Everett Branom, now Professor of Geography, Harris Teachers College, St. Louis, Mo. 1916
Helen Mabel Strong, graduate student in geography, University of Chicago. 1918