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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College Course Catalogs Collection

Dates: 1872-1935

Collection number: MSS-2010-05-05

Creator: San José State University

Collection Size: 8 boxes, 3.04 linear feet

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College Course Catalogs Collection, 1872-1935, documents the school's curriculum and coursework over a sixty-year period. The collection includes fall, spring and summer session catalogs, as well as catalogs for specific disciplines such as Homemaking and Art. This collection is arranged into one series: Series I. San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College Course Catalogs, 1872-1935.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Processing Information

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Organizational History

In 1857 the San Francisco Board of Education established Minns' Evening Normal School for current and prospective teachers in the city. Named after its principal, George W. Minns, the institution was formally established as the first California State Normal School by the State Legislature in 1862. A decade later, the Legislature voted to move the Normal School to San Jose, and the school relocated to its new home on Washington Square prior to the fall term of 1872. After a fire destroyed the Normal School building in 1880, the Legislature authorized \$200,000 to construct a new building on the same site. Completed in 1881, the building was commonly referred to as the Second State Normal School. After several names and curriculum changes, Minns' Normal School is now San Jose State University, offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations, and is recognized as one of the top public universities granting such degrees in the West.

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Scope and Content of Collection

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Arrangement

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

San José State University -- History

San Jose State Normal School -- History

San Jose State Teachers College -- History

Education, Higher -- California -- San Jose

Teachers Colleges -- Curricula -- California -- San José

Teachers -- Training of -- California -- San José

School catalogs -- California -- San José

Series I: **San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College Course Catalogs 1872-1935**

Physical Description: 8 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series contains course catalogs for San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College, which document the early years of the school's curriculum. In addition, it should be noted that significant changes were made to the school's curriculum in 1888, 1901-1902, and 1921-1922.

Early courses of study at the Normal School included Psychology, Drawing, Reading and Literature, Geography and Methods, Arithmetic and Methods, Teaching, Shakespeare, and School Hygiene. Summer sessions were established in 1904, and offered Drawing, Nature Study, and Manual Training. Later summer sessions offered a wider variety of classes, including Industrial Arts, Kindergarten Instruction, Home Economics, and Americanization Problems.

This series also includes department-specific course catalogs highlighting the coursework of several departments including Music, Art, and Home Mechanics.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Boxes 1-5

San Jose State Normal School Course Catalogs 1872-1916

Boxes 6-8

San Jose State Normal School and San Jose State Teachers College Course Catalogs, Summer and Winter Session Catalogs, Department-Specific Catalogs 1915-1935