A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, MECHANICS, AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE

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CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL

DOMESTIC SCIENCE BUILDING.

SAN LUIS OBISPO
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Entrance Examinations, - - - Tuesday, September 11, 1906
Registration, - - - - Wednesday, September 12, 1906
Instruction begins, - - - - Thursday, September 13, 1906
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Wednesday, November 14, 1906
Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, 1906
First Term ends, - - - - Friday, December 21, 1906

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

Second Term registration, - - - - Monday, January 7, 1907
Instruction begins, - - - - Tuesday, January 8, 1907
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Wednesday, February 13, 1907
Washington's Birthday, - - - - Friday, February 22, 1907
Second Term ends, - - - - Friday, March 22, 1907

SPRING VACATION.

Third Term registration, - - - - Monday, April 1, 1907
Instruction begins, - - - - Tuesday, April 2, 1907
Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees, - - Wednesday, May 8, 1907
Memorial Day, - - - - Thursday, May 30, 1907
Commencement and Exhibition Day, - - Friday, June 14, 1907
Quarterly Meeting of Board of Trustees, Wednesday, August 14, 1907
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*Resigned to enter Stanford University, August, 1906.
†Appointment begins September, 1906.
LOCATION AND PURPOSE.

The California Polytechnic School is a State institution established at San Luis Obispo under an act of the Legislature of 1901. The government of the school is vested in a board of trustees, consisting of the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex-officio members, and of five persons appointed by the Governor for a term of four years each. The school is located one and one half miles north of the center of the city of San Luis Obispo, on high ground commanding a beautiful view of town and valley.

“The purpose of the school is to furnish to young people of both sexes mental and manual training in the arts and sciences, including agriculture, mechanics, engineering, business methods, domestic economy, and such other branches as will fit the student for the non-professional walks of life.”

The school aims to supply a need which is felt not only in California, but also in every other State in the Union. That need is an institution which will give boys and girls a training in the arts and sciences which deal peculiarly with country life—the life of the home, the farm, the orchard, the dairy, and the shop. In this present day, when science is doing so much to unravel the mysteries concerning plant and animal life, it is important that the State provide a school where the facts and principles unfolded by science can be demonstrated to the boy and girl, who will return to their home and make its life more attractive, more livable, and more remunerative.

The age of entrance to the school is placed at fifteen years, because it is believed that as a rule children younger than this can not do the serious kind of work which the school demands, and because students coming to the school must have had a previous training equivalent to that covered by the usual grammar school course. Moreover, the majority of children leave school when they have completed the grammar grades. The chief reason for so doing is that they either wish to, or must do something to earn a living. This is particularly true in country communities where there are no schools that teach the things pertaining directly to farm life. It is the children of the country, therefore, who most need an institution of the kind here planned; and to accommodate them at the most opportune period they are admitted at the average age of finishing the grammar school.
The Recitation and Administration Building is 47 by 100 feet. The basement contains dairy laboratory, mechanical drawing room, storage rooms and a boys’ lavatory. The first floor contains the Director’s offices, library, lecture room and laboratory for chemistry, lecture room and laboratory for botany, photographic dark room, and girls’ cloak room. The second floor contains an assembly room, with dressing room, two drawing rooms, and two class rooms.

**The Dormitory** is 40 by 100 feet, and its purpose is to provide a home on the school grounds for a few of the teaching staff and for as many students as can be accommodated. It contains thirty single rooms (each with a closet), a parlor, dining-room, kitchen, laundry, and four bathrooms. Provision is made for one student in a room. Each room is furnished with a single iron bedstead, woven-wire springs, sanitary mattress, pillow, white spread, study table, two chairs, dresser, and a rug covering most of the floor.

**AGRICULTURE.**

The Farm and Grounds consist of 280 acres of land, the most of which is rolling and typical of a large section of the coast counties. The soil is varied in character, comprising rich, black bottoms, adobe, loams, and the rocky soil of the steep hillside. The larger portion of the farm has been cultivated for many years in the production of hay and grain. A small bearing orchard consists of the leading varieties of the different fruits.

**Gardens.** Two or three acres of the best land have been set aside for gardens. Here, the first-year students in agriculture take their lessons in gardening. Each student has a plat which he plants, cultivates and irrigates as his own, under the guidance of the instructor.
Poultry. The poultry plant has been materially increased during the last year. A new brooder house 16 by 30 feet, and having runs 30 by 50 feet, has been completed. The brooder house has a concrete floor, is well lighted and furnished with six brooders. A new incubator room has been finished and is furnished with three incubators. The varieties of fowls kept are White Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons, and White and Brown Leghorns. The present stock consists of 84 mature fowls and 325 chicks.

Animal Husbandry. This equipment consists of good individuals of Jersey, Ayrshire and Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses, and Poland China and Berkshire swine. The animals are put to the usual farm uses for work, dairying, or feeding, and are used for class study.

Creamery. Instruction in butter and cheese making is given in the basement room of the Administration Building, which is especially fitted up for this work. Three varieties of separators, a combined churn and worker and a cream ripener, together with a cheese-making outfit, comprise a large part of the equipment. The machinery is operated by an electric motor driven from the power-house.
Dairy Barn. The dairy barn, a building 40 by 80 feet and having a concrete floor with the modern sewer conveniences, is the home of the dairy herd. In addition to the space for cattle, the barn contains a milk room, bath room, feed room, and dairyman's sleeping room. A silo 29 feet in height and 17 feet in diameter stands near the barn and serves for storage of a large amount of feed.

MECHANICS.

Power-House. The present equipment consists of a 50 H. P. return tubular boiler oil-burner, an 18 indicated H. P. Bailey vertical engine, and a 6½ kilowatt generator. Heat and light are furnished to the buildings from the power-house.

Forging. The forge shop is a one-story building, 40 by 56 feet. It is equipped with eight down-draft forges, blacksmith's drill, combination blast and exhaust fan, and a 5 H. P. portable gas engine.

Carpentry. Instruction in this subject is given in the large new shop, 40 by 100 feet, which was constructed in 1905. It has a full equipment of 12 double carpenter benches, each with a full set of tools, and also the necessary lumber racks. It also contains drafting and finishing rooms and a wash room.
Electricity. The equipment for this work is installed in a large, well-lighted room in connection with the power-house. The equipment consists of one 5 k. w. Fort Wayne A. C. generator, one 8 h. p. Western Electric D. C. motor, three small alternating and direct current motors for testing purposes, alternating and direct current lamps, voltmeters, ammeters, wattmeters, testing instruments, and a storage battery of 112 cells.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.
A new building 42 by 103 feet is being constructed, and it is hoped will be completed and furnished for occupancy in September. A perspective and the two main floor plans are shown in this circular. The building is planned and will be furnished, so far as means permit, to give the most efficient instruction in the household arts.
THE COURSES OF STUDY.

Three main lines of work are undertaken by the school, viz., Agriculture, Mechanics and Domestic Science. The courses in Agriculture and Domestic Science comprise all the leading subjects usually grouped under these heads and as detailed below. The course in Mechanics includes,—in addition to drawing, academic and science branches,—practical work in carpentry, forging and electricity. In all courses the work is about equally divided between class-room and laboratory or shop work. A student entering upon a certain course of study at the beginning of the year will be expected to continue the same course throughout the year. Upon completion of the three years' course the student will be given a diploma stating the course of study and training pursued.

The courses of study are each three years in length, and are approximately as follows:

AGRICULTURE.

**First Year.**
- Agriculture, class and field work,
- Arithmetic and Algebra,
- Soils and Fertilizers,
- Carpentry,
- Stock Judging and Poultry Culture,
- English,
- Drawing,
- Botany,
- Gardening.

**Second Year.**
- Horticulture,
- Breeds of Live Stock,
- Butter and Cheese Making,
- Geometry,
- Drawing
- English,
- Chemistry,
- Forging,
- Bookkeeping.

**Third Year.**
- Irrigation and Surveying,
- Feeding and Care of Animals,
- Agricultural Chemistry,
- Plans and Specifications for Buildings,
- History,
- Physics,
- Physiology,
- Trigonometry.
MECHANICS.

FIRST YEAR.
Arithmetic and Algebra, English,
Science, Drawing,
Carpentry, Bookkeeping.

SECOND YEAR.
Geometry, English,
Science, Electricity, Drawing,
Forging, Chemistry,
Carpentry and Electrical Working,

THIRD YEAR.
Trigonometry, History,
Electrical Working, Physics,
Engines and Boilers, Surveying,
Drawing and Designing,

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

FIRST YEAR.
Arithmetic and Algebra, English,
Elementary Chemistry, Drawing,
Sewing, Dressmaking, Millinery, Physiology.

SECOND YEAR.
Cooking, English,
Bookkeeping, Chemistry,
Elective Work in Gardening, Botany,
Horticulture, Dairying and Poultry-keeping.

THIRD YEAR.
Cooking, History,
Home Sanitation, Sloyd,
Home Economics, Laundry,
Emergency and Home Nursing,
The school is open to any boy or girl upon the following conditions:

Applicants must be at least fifteen years of age, and must give satisfactory evidence of good moral character and of good behavior.

Applicants thus qualified will be admitted without examination upon presenting a Diploma of Graduation from any grammar school (eighth grade) of the State.

Applicants who do not hold a grammar school certificate, but who submit a recommendation from their last teacher or their Superintendent of Schools, will be admitted upon satisfactorily passing an examination in English, arithmetic, United States history and geography. The examination in English will consist of a test of the applicant's ability to read, write and spell; in arithmetic, it will include all subjects as far as fractions, decimals and percentage; in history and geography, the leading facts as covered in the usual grammar school course. The examination for 1906 will be held in the school buildings on Tuesday, September 11, at 9 A.M.

Applicants should enclose their grammar school certificate when sending their application for admission to the school. If not possible to send the certificate at the same time, it should be sent before September 1, 1906. The certificate will be returned to the applicant after the opening of school.

Applicants who expect to be admitted upon examination must send their recommendations at the same time with their application for admission.

Copies of the application form will be sent to any who request. All applications for admission to the school must be made on this form.

All applications should be sent to the Director of the school not later than September 8, 1906.
School is held five days a week—from Monday to Friday inclusive. If found necessary, Saturday may be used for excursions or field work. The daily hours for recitation and laboratory exercises are from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. Each student is occupied at some school work the whole of this time.

Regular Students. A regular student is one who is admitted to full standing upon a Diploma of Graduation from a grammar school or upon passing an equivalent entrance examination and who takes one of the full courses of study as heretofore outlined. All students are advised to register as regular. The essential qualifications are easily obtained by all, and the student will receive much more value from attendance upon the school if he or she follows the regular course of study, which has been carefully planned by the faculty.

High School Graduates. Since this institution is of like grade to the high schools, it follows that our academic work is of a somewhat similar nature to that of the high school. Graduates of high schools will, therefore, be given credit for work done elsewhere, such as English and mathematics. Students who have not been graduated from a high school, but who have been in attendance therein for two years or
more, may be given credit for academic work for which the proper credentials are presented. Any high school student who receives credit upon entrance for the academic work should complete our course in two years.

**Special Students in Agriculture.** Those who do not feel that they can take the full course in agriculture, but who desire a training in the more practical subjects of the course, may elect such subjects as they are qualified for. They must be at least eighteen years of age and possess the same educational qualifications as those who enter for the full course. A list of studies is given below, from which they may choose subject to the approval of the faculty. One or two full years' work may be very profitably selected from this list.

- Soils and Fertilizers
- Stock Judging
- Feeding and Care of Animals
- Horticulture
- Gardening
- English
- Forging

Poultry Culture,
Breeds of Livestock,
Botany,
Irrigation,
Dairying,
Drawing,
Carpentry.

**DISCIPLINE.**

It is expected that all persons who attend this school have an earnest purpose to make the best use of their time while in attendance. It is expected, therefore, that their behavior will always be exemplary in school and in the town. Failure to do the work laid out by the school or neglect to conduct one's self as a lady or gentleman will result in the suspension of the guilty student. The parent or guardian will be notified of any disobedience or misconduct on the part of the student.

**EXPENSES.**

No tuition fees are charged. The student is expected to pay for the materials used in the shops and laboratories. To cover these expenses the student is charged $10 per year, regardless of his or her course of study. This fee is due on the day of registration, $4 the first term and $3 the second and third terms. The materials supplied under such payment are chemicals, wood, gas, iron, drawing paper and the like. At the time of
registration a deposit of $5 is required from each student to pay for individual breakage of tools and apparatus. Such portion of the deposit as is not needed to cover breakage is returned at the end of the year. Students are required to furnish their own books, drawing instruments and special clothing, such as overalls, etc., needed in the shops and laboratories.

The total expense for books, drawing instruments and other supplies needed by each student at the beginning of the school year will be about $10. The drawing instruments will last during the entire course. The expenses for additional books at the beginning of the second and third terms will not exceed $5. The total cost of books, supplies and fee for first year will, therefore, be about $35. Books and other supplies may be purchased at reasonable prices in San Luis Obispo.

FILLING THE SILO.

BOARD.

Board and room (including heat and light) are provided in the dormitory at actual cost for food and service. The charge thus far has been $20 per month for each person. This sum also includes the laundering of bed linen and towels. Payment for accommodations in the dormitory are monthly in advance.
The occupant of a room is required to furnish bed linen, blankets, towels and soap for his personal use. He will need at least two pillowcases, three sheets and two pairs of blankets. It is desired that blankets be used rather than quilts.

Room and board may be secured in private families in San Luis Obispo at from $18 to $25 per month. There is opportunity to rent furnished rooms for light housekeeping.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-SUPPORT.

A limited amount of employment can be given to students who find it necessary to earn a portion of their expenses while attending the school. The farm, dairy, dormitory and grounds afford opportunity to employ a few students more or less regularly during the year. No remuneration will be made for manual work of any kind which carries instruction with it.

No student should come to school expecting to pay his entire expenses by labor during the school year. The school work occupies the most of the day, and the evenings are required to prepare the lessons for the following day. Provision may be made, however, for students who need to do much work in order to pay their way, whereby they may take less than the full school curriculum and thus be a longer time completing the course.

ATHLETICS.

Encouragement is given in athletics, and a lively association is doing good work. Any student of good standing or officer of the school is eligible to membership. Tennis, basket ball, base ball and foot ball occupy space upon the athletic field, which is upon the grounds near the buildings.

Correspondence concerning the school should be addressed to the Director of the California Polytechnic School, San Luis Obispo, California.
### STUDENTS 1905-06.

**ABBREVIATIONS.**—The course is indicated as follows: A, agriculture; D, domestic science; M, mechanics. The year in the course is indicated by the numerals. S, special student.

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Application for Admission

Date

Name in full

Residence

Date and place of birth

Course of study desired

Parent or guardian will approve this application by signing below.

(Business address)

Certificate from School Last Attended.

The above-named applicant enrolled in the School

complete grade

with the following record: Scholarship, Attendance,

Dated at , 190

I hereby recommend as a desirable student for the California Polytechnic School.

(Teacher, Principal, or Superintendent.)

Detach and mail to the California Polytechnic School, San Luis Obispo.
SAN LUIS OBISPO is a city of about 4,600 people, charmingly situated in a valley of the Coast Range Mountains, and ten miles in two directions from the Pacific. The ocean is reached at Port Harford to the southwest and at Morro Bay to the northwest. The climate is a pleasing combination of sea and mountain environment, which moderates both the summer and winter temperature.

San Luis Obispo has churches representing the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian. The Catholic congregation occupies the famous Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, which was established in 1772.

A free public library established in 1897 now contains 6,000 bound volumes and many unbound pamphlets and magazines. It occupies a $10,000 library building, which is the gift of Mr. Carnegie. Students in the Polytechnic School are granted equal privileges in the library with the residents of the city.

San Luis Obispo is on the coast line of the Southern Pacific Railway, about midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Through trains leave each of these cities daily—two in the morning and one in the evening—and arrive at San Luis Obispo in the afternoon and in the early morning. The city may also be reached by water by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's line of boats, connecting at Port Harford with the Pacific Coast Railway for San Luis Obispo and other towns in the interior.