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## Courses bridge university, community

The University of Guelph is a vibrant and integral part of its community, and as such welcomes every member of the Guelph community to make use of its facilities.

One of the University's most important bridges to the rest of the community lies in its extensive program of special courses and seminars offered by the Office of Continuing Education.

These courses which may be taken for personal interest or personal development cover a wide range of topics. There is something for almost every interest and taste, and most have no prerequisites or previous educational attainment or study. This special supplement to the campus News Bulletin outlines the courses to be offered during the fall semester. We are anxious to have as many people as possible take advantage of them, and we hope that you will study the list carefully.

In addition, many popular lectures, concerts, plays, art exhibitions, and sports events offer opportunities for Guelph and area citizens to visit the campus. We welcome you to all of these events, many of which are outlined in this special Bulletin.

We also invite you to browse in, and use, our McLaughlin Library with its extensive collection of books and periodicals.

I hope that through this News Bulletin you and your family will find interesting and exciting ways of becoming involved at your university.

President,  
University of Guelph

# Courses for Everyone at the University of Guelph

You don't have to be wrinkle free, long-haired, wasp-waisted, and under 25 to reap benefits from university courses. Last year more than 8000 adults from as far away as Owen Sound and Fort Erie enrolled in non-credit courses and seminars offered by the University of Guelph.

Adult education has enjoyed a surge in popularity throughout North America. A reflection of increased leisure time, higher standards of living and a world increasingly difficult to understand, adults pursue education for self-fulfillment and professional development.

This fall, almost 50 non-credit courses will provide opportunities for professional development, appreciation of the arts, applied agriculture, increasing self-awareness, and understanding the world we live in. With a few exceptions, university faculty will teach the courses, and they look forward to the non-credit courses for a refreshing change of pace and a different viewpoint than they encounter in rather homogeneous undergraduate classes. In general, the adults have definite educational objectives. They bring personal experiences to bear in classroom discussions, forcing instructors to be constantly on their toes.

The series of courses in Applied Agriculture presents the best, if not the only, source of information designed specifically for the part-time farmer. These courses are now offered in Hamilton, London, Toronto, and Guelph and have attracted a heterogeneous following of city folk who own or would like to own hobby farms. Because part-time farmers face a unique set of problems, the slate of instructors includes many experts who are themselves part-time farmers.

Non-credit courses provide direct or indirect professional development. Teachers can enhance their classroom skills this fall by learning about instructional media or practical approaches to reading. Business Data Processing provides an introduction to computers for anyone who comes into contact with the mysterious electronic giant.

Literature courses help devoted readers keep abreast of new developments and provide incentives to expand their literary horizons. This fall's literature courses look at women and drama, Shakespeare's tragedies, and the concept of self in children's literature.

The non-credit courses attract people because they are relevant and because they tackle problems of personal concern. Naturalists or environmentalists would be interested in Outdoor Living, Wildlife in Urban Environment or Land Use Planning. Would-be travellers brush up language skills in French, Russian, Spanish, and German. Music aficionados can choose from Classical Guitar, Music Appreciation, or Avant-garde Music of the 20th Century. Followers of current affairs who sign up might study Japanese society, take a cultural look at Spain or gain new insights into post-Vietnam Southeast Asia. Self-awareness could be enhanced through discussions in human sexuality, world mysticism, or self and society.

A more complete description of non-credit offerings appears inside this issue of University of Guelph News Bulletin. Participants may register by mail, using the attached forms, or in person at Room 145, Johnston Hall.

