



Students from twelve states and Canada observe Professor Musser demonstrate equipment which measures the degree of soil compaction as a part of their four eight-week terms of on-campus instruction in the Turfgrass Management Winter Course.

Turfgrass Course at Penn State

The new Turfgrass Management Winter Course of The Pennsylvania State University has been attracting nationwide attention among leaders of the turfgrass industry. The increased recognition of the importance of turfgrass and the large number of problems in this field have indicated the need for training in turfgrass management.

Graduates of the course will be prepared for positions as turf supervisors on airports, athletic fields and school grounds; maintenance directors of highway roadsides and medial strips; supervisors of cemeteries, parks, estates, and golf courses.

The course at Penn State consists of two eight-week terms of instruction in each of two years. During this period intensive classroom and laboratory training is provided in the identification, establishment, and maintenance of the grasses used in the various climatic areas of the United States and Canada.

Supplementary instruction is provided with courses on soils and fertilizers; identification, production, and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and other horticultural material; installation and use of irrigation and drainage equipment; principles of tractor and machinery operation and

care; keeping of records; and elements of landscape design and lay-out.

Students have the opportunity of selecting an elective course each term. These may be in the ornamental nursery field or in farm equipment maintenance.

The regular instructional staff and facilities of the University are utilized in this program.

Classes begin the first week of November and end the latter part of March.

A full season of on-the-job training is recommended for the summer period between the second and third terms. Individuals now employed in turfgrass work may return to their positions for this period.

High School graduates 16 years of age or older are eligible for enrollment. The high school graduation requirement is waived for those who demonstrate maturity, purposeful interest, and have had prior experience in turfgrass management.

Further information, including individual course descriptions are available from the Director of Short Courses, College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.