Genealogy showing origin(s) of academic units at the University of Vermont

1911 to 2018
The dates that I report are taken from past university catalogues where I obtained most of my information. These dates are delayed from the official dates (e.g. decisions made by the President, Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees) by at least a year. And the numbers that I report for faculty headcounts are close but they are certainly not accurate (because of ambiguities in the catalog). I include them here only to illustrate the relative number of faculty in the colleges during 1911 and 1945. My other source is “The University of Vermont – The First Two Hundred Years” by Robert Daniels. If you find gross inaccuracies, please let me know and I will correct them. I hope that you find the information amusing if not useful.

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1910

Departments:
• Agriculture
• Arts
• Chemistry and Mining
• Education
• Engineering
• Medicine
1911

University of Vermont

College of Agriculture

College of Engineering

College of Medicine
UVM in 1911

College of Arts and Sciences (33)

College of Agriculture (8)

College of Medicine (18)

College of Engineering (11)

Approximate number of faculty ( )
Core courses (General Education Curriculum) in the UVM Catalogue – 1911
Originally taught in Arts & Sciences, these courses are now taught by faculty in three colleges (CALS, CAS, CEMS).

ADMISSION

All candidates for admission to the University must present satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and must be at least sixteen years of age. If from another college or university they must also present letters of honorable dismissal. Young women are admitted to all courses except Medicine upon the same conditions as young men.

Fourteen and one-half units are required for admission to full undergraduate standing, each unit representing a full year's work in a subject with daily recitations. These units may be selected by the candidate, from the list given below, under such restrictions as are found under the special requirements of the several courses and departments.

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*A single year's work in language is accepted as a unit only when presented with two years' work in some other language.

**Note I.**

Students who would be admitted unconditionally by certificate or by examination to the Classical course may enter without condition any of the undergraduate courses and departments, except the Engineering Department, in which they are conditioned in Solid Geometry.

**Note II.**

Students who would be admitted unconditionally by certificate or by examination to the Literary-Scientific course may enter without condition the Departments of Chemistry and Agriculture, and the course of Commerce and Economics; they may enter the Engineering Department, conditioned, however, in Solid Geometry.

**Note III.**

Students who are qualified for admission into the Literary-Scientific course may enter the Classical course provided they take the course in Beginner's Greek during the Freshman year, and Greek I during the Sophomore year.
Slow growth during the next 30 years with a notable event in 1929
1929

The Wilbur Trust

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His will stipulated that if enrollment at the University of Vermont exceeded 1,000 students, the Wilbur Trust would leave UVM and go to the Library of Congress
The Wilbur Trust funded scholarships for Vermont students and it made possible an outstanding library.

However, the 1,000 cap on student enrollment was a ticking time bomb....
1945

Enrollment in post war years was rapidly increasing posing a threat to trigger the the “1,000 student threshold” provision in the Wilbur Trust – what to do? Steps taken to avoid and then permanently address the problem:

1. Define the “University of Vermont”

2. Limit enrollment in the “University of Vermont”

3. Take legal action to nullify the 1,000 student provision in the Wilbur Trust (legal action in 1960).
UVM in 1945

College of Arts and Sciences (64)

College of Agriculture (20)

College of Medicine (47)

College of Engineering (10)

Approximate number of faculty ( ), Significant growth in Instructors since 1911 [62 – not included above]
1945

1. Define the “University of Vermont”

“University of Vermont” = College of Arts and Sciences
1945

2. Limit enrollment in the “University of Vermont”

As enrollment grew in the university, departments were transferred out of CAS to keep enrollment in that college below 1,000 students.
1945

College of Arts and Sciences

- Botany & Forestry
- Commerce & Economics
- Mathematics

College of Agriculture

College of Engineering

Chemistry

Education

Nursing

College of Medicine

Wilbur Trust – Limiting student enrollment in UVM/CAS
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1946

College of Arts and Sciences

Education
Nursing

College of Medicine

Chemistry

College of Agriculture

Botany & Forestry

College of Technology

Commerce & Economics
Mathematics

Wilbur Trust – Limiting student enrollment in UVM/CAS
College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

College of Agriculture

College of Technology

Botany & Forestry

Chemistry

Commerce & Economics

Mathematics

School of Education and Nursing
Note: Faculty in Math and Botany kept membership in CAS to facilitate academic reorganization in 1945-46. Dual membership in their home college and CAS continues today.
1948

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Technology

College of Agriculture

College of Medicine

Chemistry

Botany & Forestry

Commerce & Economics

Mathematics

School of Education and Nursing
1948

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

Chemistry

College of Agriculture

Botany & Forestry

College of Technology

Commerce & Economics

Mathematics

School of Dental Hygiene

Legislative appropriation

School of Education and Nursing
1951

College of Arts and Sciences

- College of Technology
- College of Medicine
- Med Tech
- Chemistry

- Botany & Forestry
- College of Agriculture

- Commerce & Economics
- Mathematics

- School of Dental Hygiene
- School of Education and Nursing
1952

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Agriculture

College of Technology

Botany & Forestry

Chemistry

Med Tech

Commerce & Economics

Mathematics

School of Dental Hygiene

School of Education and Nursing
1958

College of Arts and Sciences

Premed
Predent

Chemistry
Med Tech

Botany & Forestry

College of Agriculture

College of Technology

Commerce & Economics
Mathematics

School of Dental Hygiene

School of Education and Nursing
It took a while to take legal action to nullify the 1,000 student provision in the Wilbur trust.

1959 – President John “Jack” T. Fey hired

Former law professor, Maryland legislator, clerk of the Supreme Court

Major task – fix the legal problem with the Wilbur Fund
1960

President John Fey got legislation through Congress waiving federal rights (i.e. Library of Congress) to the Wilbur Fund

Wilbur heirs disagreed with this legislation and took the matter to court

They lost.

Enrollment ceiling in Arts and Sciences now eliminated
1968

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Agriculture
- College of Technology
- School of Allied Health Sciences
- School of Nursing
- College of Education
1968

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

College of Agriculture & Home Economics

College of Technology

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing

College of Education
1972

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Technology

College of Medicine

College of Education

College of Agriculture & Home Economics

School of Nursing

School of Allied Health Sciences

Business Administration

Forestry Resource Economics

Continuing Education

Chemistry
1973

Continuing Education

Business Administration

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

School of Natural Resources

Chemistry

College of Agriculture & Home Economics

College of Technology

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing

College of Education
1973

College of Arts and Sciences

Continuing Education

College of Technology

Business Administration

College of Medicine

Chemistry

College of Agriculture

School of Natural Resources

School of Home Economics

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing

College of Education
1973

Continuing Education

College of Arts and Sciences

Business Administration

College of Medicine

Chemistry

School of Natural Resources

College of Agriculture

School of Home Economics

College of Technology

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing

College of Education
1973

School of Natural Resources

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Engineering, Mathematics and Business Administration

School of Agriculture

School of Home Economics

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing

College of Medicine

EMBA

Continuing Education

College of Education
1974

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Medicine

College of Engineering, Mathematics and Business Administration

College of Education and Social Services

School of Natural Resources

School of Home Economics

School of Allied Health Sciences

School of Nursing
1981

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Medicine
- School of Natural Resources
- College of Agriculture
- College of Engineering, Mathematics and Business Administration
- School of Allied Health Sciences
- School of Nursing
- College of Education and Social Services
- Continuing Education
Division of Health Sciences
1968 - 2002

College of Medicine
School of Allied Health Sciences
School of Nursing
Division of Engineering, Mathematics, and Business Administration
1982 - 1997
Division of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Extension
1982 - 1997