

Suggestions for Improvement

1. Curricula

(a) General Microbiology. By the present arrangement of courses certain students are required to take a course in general microbiology in either the 3rd or 4th year. In some cases it would appear to be more practicable to require that the student shall take the course in the 3rd year; this course is a pre-requisite for students of Animal Husbandry or Poultry who may elect to take a course in advanced technique, given in the 4th year; it is a pre-requisite similarly for students of Agronomy or Horticulture who may elect to take soil microbiology. It is suggested therefore that students of Agronomy, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture or Poultry be required to take the course of general microbiology in the 3rd year. In this connection it should be noted that students of Animal Husbandry are required by that Department in their 4th year to take leave of absence for judging livestock; this besides disorganizing the work of this department, is detrimental to the student's work in general microbiology.

(b) Soil Microbiology. A course in Soil Technology, dealing with the physics and chemistry of soils, given by the Chemistry Department, is required of the students of Agronomy and Horticulture. It is submitted that soil microbiology be also required from such students; they will then be better equipped for their subject. Pari passu, it may reasonably be inferred that soil technology should also be required from students of Plant Pathology; these students will then be better equipped for the course in soil microbiology, as well as in their own subject.