Guide to the San José State University Course Catalogs Collection
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Biographical / Historical
In 1857 the San Francisco Board of Education established Minns' Evening Normal School for current and prospective teachers in the city. Named after its principal, George W. Minns, the institution was formally established as the first California State Normal School by the State Legislature in 1862. A decade later, the Legislature voted to move the Normal School to San José, and the school relocated to its new home on Washington Square prior to the fall term of 1872. After a fire destroyed the Normal School building in 1880, the Legislature authorized $200,000 to construct a new building on the same site. Completed in 1881, the building was commonly referred to as the Second State Normal School. After several names and curriculum changes, Minns' Normal School is now San José State University, offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations, and is recognized as one of the top public universities granting such degrees in the West.

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Series I: Course Catalogs 1930-2012

Arrangement
This series is arranged by date.

Scope and Contents
Series I. Course Catalogs, 1930-2012, documents the courses offered each semester or quarter by the university for students and faculty. This series spans seven boxes.

- Box 1: 1930-1939
- Box 2: 1940-1964
- Box 3: 1965-1970
- Box 4: 1972-1984
- Box 5: 1984-1990
- Box 6: 1990-2002
- Box 7: 2002-2012

Series II: Course Catalog Duplicates 1940-1979

Arrangement
This series is arranged by date.

Scope and Contents
Series II. Course Catalog Duplicates, 1940-1979, contains four boxes of additional copies of certain course catalogs. These catalogs document the courses offered each semester or quarter by the university.

- Box 8: 1940-1949
- Box 9: 1950-1959
- Box 10: 1960-1969
- Box 11: 1970-1979