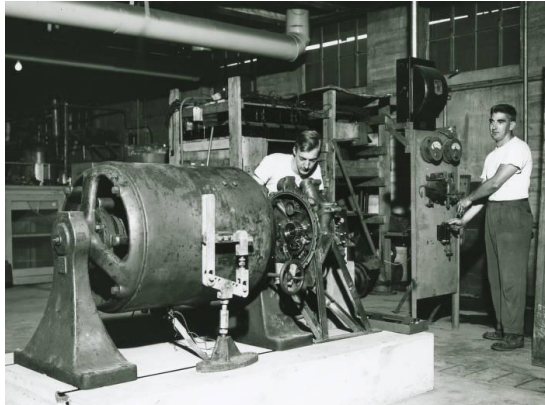


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FINDING AID TO THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS BROCHURE, CIRCA 1950s

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract	The Purdue University School of Aeronautics brochure includes photographs of the Purdue Airport and laboratories, along with an Aeronautical Engineering curriculum outline and description and an Air Transportation curriculum outline and description.
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Subjects and Genres

Organizations

Purdue University. College of Engineering. School of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Topics

Purdue University. College of Engineering. School of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Form and Genre Types

Brochure

Occupations

Aeronautical engineers

History of the Purdue University School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, circa 1950s

The School of Aeronautics was well stabilized by 1950, following a five-year growth from the time it was formed in July 1945. By this time the entire operation of the School was located at the Purdue University airport in two large buildings, with separate programs offered in aeronautical engineering and in air transportation. Elmer F. Bruhn, who had been head of the School since its beginning, decided in 1949 to return to teaching and research rather than continue in administration. A search was immediately begun for a new head. By midsummer of 1950 Dean Andrey A. Potter announced the appointment of Dr. Milton U. Clauser as the new head of the School effective September 1, 1950.

The school initially offered Bachelor of Science degrees in both aeronautical engineering and the new field of air transportation, with the first Masters degrees awarded in 1947, and the first PhD granted in 1950. Both programs were quite popular following World War II, as returning veterans brought total undergraduate enrollment to 736 students in 1947. Although the air transportation program was initially well accepted, and graduates received good positions in industry, enrollments declined, and the air transportation degree was discontinued in 1955. The School merged with the Division of Engineering Science in 1960, and changed its name to the School of Aeronautical and Engineering Sciences. This joint program continued until the engineering sciences effort was ended in 1972. The present name of the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics was adopted in 1973.

To learn more about the history of the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, one can go to the School's website at: <https://engineering.purdue.edu/AE/AboutUs/History>

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Collection Description

Scope

The Purdue University School of Aeronautics brochure (circa 1950s; 0.1 cubic feet) includes photographs of the Purdue Airport and laboratories, Aeronautical Engineering and Air Transportation curricula, outlines and descriptions.

Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

The brochure has been housed in an acid-free folder, and acid-free box.

Revision History

Collection identifier updated from UA 17.02 to UA 46 as of November 17, 2016.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box *Brochure*

Item

1. Purdue University School of Aeronautics brochure, circa 1950s