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An off-campus general education program, the first in The University of Toledo's history, will be offered to employees of downtown business and governmental institutions next September.

Six courses will be offered in early evening hours at Owens-Corning Fiberglas, Corp. and at Owens-Illinois, Inc. A substantial number of employees of those two firms are registering for the courses, according to Thomas C. Clapp, coordinator of the adult liberal studies program at the University. Employees of Toledo Trust and Ohio Citizens banks will meet with University officials on Monday to discuss course offerings.

The off-campus opportunity is also being extended to other institutions. Thirty representatives of downtown businesses or governmental groups have been invited to an explanatory session and reception at the University Club at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday (May 22). Plans for academic credit course offerings at downtown locations will be reviewed for the representatives, according to Dr. C.J. Roberts, director of community services.

Presently, six courses have been established for the fall sessions at O-I and O-C-F facilities. The courses, all to be offered from 5 p.m. to 6:40 p.m., are Accounting Principles I, Introduction to College Mathematics, Communications II, Principles of Psychology, Oral Communication and Computer Science Principles 119.

Other credit courses may be established according to demand by employees, according to Clyde Balch, dean of UT's Adult and Continuing Education Division. Dean Balch stressed that the off-campus courses will be taught by University faculty.

"This is the first time in University of Toledo history that coursework of this nature has been offered off-campus. It is hoped that employees' interest will generate more course offerings," Dr. Glen R. Driscoll, UT president said.

Charles C. Gifford, O-C-F vice president of personnel relations said: "The continuing development of our employees is important--both to the individual and to the company. This is particularly true in the current era of rapid innovation and change.

"Formal continuing education which we support through a refund program is an effective way to insure that employees develop their skills and abilities. That increased knowledge level helps the company to remain effective and competitive. By offering courses in downtown locations, UT has taken an important step in making edu-

cational opportunities more accessible to a larger number of our employees--an important benefit to the employee and the company."

Thomas M. Cox, Jr., corporate vice president, administration, at O-I, noted that for many years the firm has encouraged employees to obtain as much education as possible.

"O-I's Educational Assistance Program provides 100 per cent reimbursement of the tuition and required fees for courses which will better equip employees for their present jobs or prepare them for positions of additional responsibility within the firm.

We feel that this downtown program will be of great assistance to our employees and we are pleased to endorse it and to make space available for classes downtown," Mr. Cox said.

Working with Dean Balch, Dr. Roberts and Mr. Clapp to establish the course offerings were Bruce Williams, office manager, Richard Couturier, manager of training and development, and Ms. Bonnie Carle, training supervisor, of O-C-F, and Dr. Logan Blank, manager, personnel research and development, and Ms. Peggy Snyder, personnel coordinator, of O-I.