



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

## **Copyright Notice:**

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit [www.mnhs.org/copyright](http://www.mnhs.org/copyright).

SEP 18 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 17, 1918

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
Secretary State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning I am now writing to inform you that we have booked you to conduct our St. Paul class in War Aims for the first semester of 1918-19. The class will meet Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Public Library. Each session of the class will be for two hours, from 7:30 to 9:30, and the class will continue during the semester of sixteen weeks. Ordinarily, we have a fifty or fifty-five minute lecture period followed by a recess of about ten minutes, and this followed by another fifty or fifty-five minute period of oral quiz and discussion.

We understand that we are to pay you \$150 for the semester's work. The class will not be organized unless at least fifteen register. Will you be good enough to send us at your earliest convenience, as good a list as you can secure of the names and addresses of the St. Paul club women and other St. Paul people who might be presumed to be interested in such a course?

If the above arrangements are in accordance with your understanding and meet with your approval, please let me know in writing. The first meeting of the class will be Thursday evening, October 3.

Yours truly,

*Richard R. Price*

Director

RRP/Mc

September 20, 1918

Mr. Richard R. Price  
University Extension Service  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Price:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 17 with reference to the Extension class in War Wims which you have asked me to conduct in St. Paul. The arrangements outlined in this letter are in accordance with my understanding and meet with my approval.

With reference to the list of club women, it occurs to me that the enclosed list of secretaries of the many women's clubs of St. Paul will doubtless serve your purpose. I would suggest that a number of circulars be sent to each secretary, with the request that the course be called to the attention of the members of the club. This list is taken from the 1917-18 handbook of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.

We could secure for you the names and addresses of the members of a few of the clubs, but I doubt if you would want to send communications to the individual members.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 24 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 23, 1918

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of September 20 with enclosure of the list of club presidents and secretaries. I note also the list of members of the Merriam Park woman's club of 1917 and 18. We shall make good use of these lists in circularizing.

Yours truly,

*Richard R. Price*

Director

RRP/Mc

OCT 5 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 4, 1918

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
Secretary of State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am glad to learn from the message left by you in this office that the War Aims course is to meet hereafter on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 9, at 7:30 in the Exhibition Room of the St. Paul Public Library. We will notify the principals of each school to that effect and will also send notices to the people whose cards you left in this office. I will send out a notice to the St. Paul papers and will also see that a notice is posted in the Public Library.

In this connection let me state that Mr. O. C. Edwards of this office is prepared to make affidavit that on Tuesday last, he posted in the lower hall-way of the St. Paul Public Library the notice with reference to your class. It is quite possible that it was destroyed before it became very effective. I will inform interested people that the course now is acceptable for two credits in the University.

Yours truly,

*Richard R. Price*

Director

RRP/Mc

October 7, 1918

Professor Richard R. Price  
General Extension Division  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Price:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 4 and I am glad to know that you will attend to the various matters connected with the proposed War Aims Course. I have had a number of additional inquiries about this course and I am inclined to think that if it receives sufficient publicity, there will be a fair sized class.

This noon I stepped into the Public Library to see if the notice had yet been posted, but was unable to find it anywhere. I trust that it will be put up this afternoon, as otherwise it will be of little value in advertising a meeting to be held on Wednesday night.

I have no desire to impugn the veracity of your Mr. Edwards, but it is surprising that the attendants at the library had not seen and knew nothing of the notice which he claims to have posted. It is also surprising that this notice should have disappeared whereas the notice of the class in Nineteenth Century Prose was left up and still remains.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OCT 23 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 22, 1918

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Secretary State Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have made further inquiry from Dean Johnston and Professor A. B. White with reference to the proposal to allow credit for the extension course in War Aims. I find that this is the situation: The course in War Aims is not open to civilians on the University campus. It is given only to members of the S.A.T.C. It was not the intention of the University authorities to open this class to civilians.

You will remember that as I first announced the course, it would give no credit. Afterwards, on the assurance given me by you that Professor Krey had stated that the course would carry credit, we made an announcement to that effect. As nearly as I can ascertain from the statements now made by Dean Johnston and Professor White, no definite action has been taken by the advisory committee with reference to credits for civilians. Members of the S.A.T.C. will obtain credits toward the one hundred twenty credits needed for graduation but these credits will not count towards the requirements of any one department or towards the requirements for major and minor courses. In other words, these will simply be credits toward the total of one hundred twenty credit hours but will be considered as credits obtained through electives. In other words, a student will not have a credit in History or in Political Science for this work but simply so many credits toward the total required for a degree.

I think you can safely assure your class that the same thing will be true as regards extension students, namely, that they may not obtain credit through this course towards the requirements of any department, but may count these two credits towards the total requirements for a degree, considering that this course is an elective. It might be well for you to explain this matter at the next meeting of your class so that there may be no misapprehension as to just what is meant by a University credit in this case.

Yours truly,

*Richard R. Price*

Director

RRP/Mc

OCT 31 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 30, 1918

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing herewith class cards for the students whose fees you turned in last week. I am not including the card for Miss Goldberg because I have decided to make a partial refund amounting to \$4.00.

I hope that you will be able tonight to collect the rest of the fees so that the registration for the class may be complete when you turn it over to Professor West.

Very truly yours,

*Richard R. Price*

Director by MVK

MVK/Mc

NOV 18 1918

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 16, 1918

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of the other day, I have sent in to the payroll clerk a statement calling for the payment of \$46.88 due you as compensation for your instruction for five meetings of the Extension class in War Aims. If you do not find it necessary to go to Washington right away, we shall be very glad, and shall arrange to compensate you for the remaining lessons on the same pro rata basis.

We have sent out announcements to the students in the War Aims class that sessions will resume this coming week. I trust that there may be a good attendance at the class.

Very truly yours,

*Mary V. Kellogg*  
Assistant Director

MVK/Mc

## ANNOUNCEMENT

November 15, 1918

To Instructors of Evening Extension Classes:

1. Please note that all Evening Extension classes will meet as usual on Wednesday evening, November 27. Kindly announce on November 20.

2. No classes meet on Thursday evening, November 28, because of Thanksgiving. Instructors who have Thursday night classes should announce this at the session on Thursday evening, November 21. At the same time arrangements should be made to make up the lost time either during the week of November 25, or at the end of the semester.

3. All classes meet as usual on Friday evening, November 29. Kindly announce on November 22.

4. Each class must be planned to meet sixteen evenings during the semester, holidays not counted. The calendar for the year called for the end of the first semester, January 24, 1919. This will have to be extended at least a week in order to make up for the time lost on account of the Influenza epidemic. We are anxious, however, that the sixteen meetings may be completed so that we can begin the second semester the first week in February.

THE GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION

Richard R. Price

Director

Jan 8-1919

The Extension Division of the University of Minnesota will offer a course in the History of Minnesota during the second semester of the current year. This course will be given by Dr. Solon J. Buck, associate professor of history in the University and superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. It will be primarily a lecture course dealing with the occupation, settlement, and development -- political, economic, and social -- of a typical western state. The class will meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 in the auditorium of the St. Paul Public Library. Students may register at the first meeting which will be February 5, 1919. The fee for the course is \$5.00.

January 10, 1918

Professor R. R. Price  
General Extension Division  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Price:-

In accordance with a telephone conversation with Miss Kellogg, I am sending you herewith a statement about the extension course in the history of Minnesota which you propose to offer in St. Paul the next semester.

My understanding with Miss Kellogg was that if supplied with such a statement, you would get out a mimeographed letter to be sent to people who might be interested in the course. You may want to make some changes in or additions to the statement, to which, of course, I will have no objections. I enclose also a list of teachers of history in the high schools of St. Paul, and the principals of the grade schools to whom I think the statement ought to be sent. I would like also to have it sent to all of those who are registered in my present war issues class.

If you will send me half a dozen copies of the announcement which you get out, I will see that they are posted in the Historical Building and in the St. Paul Public Library. I phoned the Public Library this morning and was informed that the auditorium would be available for this class.

With reference to the class in war issues, eleven meetings have already been held, which leaves us three meetings behind. Two of these were due to the influenza and the other to the fact that most of the members of the class said it would be impossible for them to meet during New Years week. I have arranged consequently to hold the remaining five meetings on ~~the~~ January 13, 15, 22, 27, and 29, the last meeting to be devoted to the examination.

A partial payment of my services in giving this course was made November 1. I will appreciate it very much if you will arrange to have the remainder included in the University check which I will receive on February 1.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 14 1919  
The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 13, 1919

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of January 10 has my attention in the absence of Mr. Price from the city. We shall be glad indeed to get out a mimeographed letter to the people whose names you have given us and in addition, to those who are registered in your present class. I shall see that additional copies are sent you when they are ready for distribution.

I note what you say with regard to the number of meetings in your class in War Aims and that the last meeting will be held on January 29.

In the salary check which you receive from the University February 1, there will be included the balance due you for your services for the first semester, 1918-9.

Yours very truly,

*Mary W. Kellogg*

Assistant Director

MVK/Mc

JAN 31 1919

The University of Minnesota  
University Extension Service  
Minneapolis

January 30, 1919

GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
State Historical Society Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing herewith several copies of an announcement sheet which was sent to the Principals of St. Paul Public schools, thinking that it might be possible for you to post these throughout your building calling attention to our Extension classes.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

*Richard R. Price*

Director by MVK

MVK/Mc

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
EXTENSION CLASSES

The Second Semester begins the week of February 3 - 7.

History of Minnesota, Wednesday - St. Paul Public Library,  
7:30 to 9:30 Mr. Buck

18th Century Novel, Monday - St. Paul Public Library,  
7:30 to 9:30 Mr. Nichols

Social Aspects, Thursday - St. Paul Public Library,  
7:30 to 9:30 Mr. Rankin

Play Producing, Tuesdays in Minneapolis - Folwell Hall 308,  
University 7:30 to 9:30 Mr. Stevens

THE GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION,  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.