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Introduction of a third major mode of studies at The Evergreen State College was announced today by Provost Edward J. Kormondy.

The new academic option--called Modular Studies--will be introduced in limited fashion at the start of the 1973-74 year and is designed to complement Evergreen's current team-taught Coordinated Studies and Individual and Group Contracted Studies programs.

"The Modules, somewhat similar to courses in that they relate to specific bodies of subject matter, will be offered next Fall Quarter and at first will be tied to Coordinated Studies," Kormondy said. "At present, full-time students in Coordinated Studies take only one program--usually a year long--at a time. Next year, some of these groups will be structured so that full-time students may spend 75 per cent of their time in them and then take one specific Module each quarter for the remainder of thier academic work."

About 25 Modules will be offered next year, all of them taught during the late afternoon and all worth one unit of Evergreen credit. The Modules will be open to both full-time students in certain Coordinated Studies programs and to part-time students.

"We are introducing this new study mode to broaden our credit-generating programs," Kormondy said. "We hope Modular Studies will provide a more effective opportunity for skills acquisition, will establish a means for students to learn basic materials in subject areas best covered in a more traditional manner, and will sharply increase educational opportunities for part-time students."

Evergreen will continue to emphasize interdisciplinary academic programs, Kormondy added. "We believe our students should be aware of the relationships among rather than

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the differences between academic fields. We believe the total undergraduate experience at Evergreen should not arbitrarily force students into narrow, almost inescapable, academic specialities where access to other fields is almost impossible."

"However, we also realize there are subject matters that may be better learned in course-type situations where a single study focus is possible. We believe Modular Studies will allow us to keep our interdisciplinary philosophy intact and allow for highly individualized studies, while a flexible new dimension to our programs."

Kormondy said that for purposes of 1973-74 academic planning, he assumes that about 1500 students will enroll in Coordinated Studies, about 400 in Group Contracted Studies and that about 500 will work in Individual Contracted Studies, including an estimated 300 off-campus interns.

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