

HONOURS COURSES IN ARTS

The object of the changes to be introduced in the Honours Courses of the Faculty of Arts is to raise somewhat the standard of work required; to exact from each candidate a greater exercise of his own mental activity and less passive acceptance of professorial dicta; and by a comprehensive final examination to make sure that students have actively assimilated instruction and have not dropped from their minds the subjects studied in the early stages of the honours Course.

The weight of work required for a B.A. with Honours will be the equivalent of twenty-three courses (each of three hours per week). That is rather more than is required at present; and the distribution of this work will allow rather more concentration than is now possible. The "Major" comprises nine lecture courses and three courses of "directed reading". Of the nine lecture courses seven must be in one subject; the other two may be either in the "Major" subject or in some allied subject, e.g. the prescription for the lecture courses in Physics may be seven courses in Physics and two in Mathematics. The decision in this case would rest with the Department of Physics.

The work for a "Minor" is five lecture courses. The combination of subjects as "Major" and "Minor" will be controlled by regulation. It is for instance improbable that anyone would be allowed to combine Economics and Hebrew!

In addition each candidate must take six general courses outside his "Major" and "Minor" subjects and he must somehow - either in his Major or Minor or general subjects - include in his work two courses in English and one in Philosophy, in Mathematics, in a Science and in two foreign languages, one of which must be Latin unless the "Major" subject is Mathematics or a Science.