

Announce Radical Changes In Arts Course At Queen's

Regulations Will Require Higher Standard Of Work

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Journal' Expects Proposals To Become Effective Next Semester

Kingston, Ont., February 3.—(Special to the Daily)—An announcement of paramount importance has been issued from the Registrar's office to the effect that a radical change in the Honours Courses of the Faculty of Arts is under consideration. The proposal, while not official, has been approved by Dr. W. H. Fyfe, and Dr. W. E. McNeil, and will probably go into effect next semester. It will not apply, however, to students already registered within the University.

According to the announcement the object of the changes to be introduced 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 certain that students have actively assimilated instruction and have not dropped from their minds the subjects studied in the early stages of the Honours Course.

Demand More Concentration

The weight of work required for a B.A. with Honours will be 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 more concentration than is possible.

Grades in Honours in the major subject will be awarded according to the candidates' performance (a) in the examinations held every spring at the close of each lecture-course, (b) in the comprehensive examinations at the end of the whole course. These comprehensive examinations will consist of five papers designed to test each candidate's knowledge of the whole subject studied and his power of assimilating, arranging and presenting what he has learnt. In some subjects an oral examination will be substituted for one of these papers.

Change Exam System

The comprehensive examination will be conducted by each department as a whole and each paper judged by at least two examiners. Honours will be awarded in the Major subject with the Minor mentioned as subsidiary (e.g. English with History). In the Minor and General subjects students will be examined as at present by the lecturer at the end of each lecture-course and their grades will be partly determined by the exercises written during the session.

A candidate for Honours will thus be judged partly on the work that he has done during each session and partly on his capacity to use his own power of analysis and synthesis, to carry knowledge in his memory and upon demand to give it expression in lucid and vigorous English.

Course Five Years

The normal period study for these Honour Courses will be five years from Pass Matriculation or four years from Honour Matriculation, but one of the new regulations to which the Faculty of Arts attach considerable importance will make it possible for a student of exceptional ability and industry to cover the course in four years from Pass Matriculation (or in three years from Honour Matriculation), provided that he is prepared to spend part of the long summer va-

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