

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

In connection with the proposal to establish a Department of Military Instruction at McGill University the following points are submitted for consideration.

1. The logical place for the Department would be in the Faculty of Arts.
2. The bulk of the students following its courses would of necessity be drawn from this Faculty.
3. To ensure the success of such a Department it would be absolutely necessary that its courses be recognized as optional courses leading to a degree.

Under the present arrangement of optional courses in the Faculty of Arts conditions are as follows:

First Year - There is no place in this year for an optional course. The same condition exists at Toronto, hence their military course begins in the second year.

Second Year - Two compulsory subjects and three optionals must be taken. The military course could be placed in Group I of the optional subjects.

Third and Fourth Years - Although all of the courses in these years are optional, the choice is restricted by grouping of subjects in order to ensure continuity and co-ordination of the work taken by the student. Practically he has unrestricted ~~choice~~ choice of one subject each year and in would not be difficult to arrange the military course as an option.

In all Universities where credit is given for Military Courses, it is the "academic" part of the work that recognized, no credit is given for the practical training.

A minimum of 3 hours per week of lectures and class-work throughout the session would probably be recognized as a ~~half~~ ^{whole} course.

4. Practical work could be arranged as an alternative to the physical training required of the men in the second year.