

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE A.B. DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has recently voted to make certain changes in the requirements for the A.B. degree, to take effect, except for Rule C, with the class graduating in June, 1940. Because students who next fall begin the work for the A.B. degree will normally be eligible for graduation in June, 1940, the new regulations, in effect, apply to the Freshman Class entering the University in September, 1936. For the convenience of those who are interested in these regulations, they are listed here:

NEW RULES

(A) 1. Of the one hundred and twenty-four hours required for the A.B. degree, twenty hours shall be taken in each of the first three divisions shown on the last page. Fifteen hours must have been taken in each by the end of the Sophomore year, of which five must be in each of two fields in each division.

2. Five hours of work offered by the Department of Home Economics may be applied in the satisfaction of distribution requirements under one of the following options: (1) five hours from 80a, Home Administration, 80b, Home Administration, and 165, Public Aspects of the Household, may be applied under Field B of Division III; (2) 3, Selection and Preparation of Foods, may be applied under Field B of Division II; (3) five hours from 6a and 6b, Food and Nutrition, and 12 and 83, Child Care, may be applied under Field C of Division II.

(B) A maximum of forty hours shall be allowed in the major department, of which the department may prescribe not more than twenty-five hours. The minimum number of hours to be offered as completing a major course shall be twenty. A maximum of not more than twenty-five hours shall be allowed in any department other than the major. The maximum in a field of more than one department shall be sixty hours, and in any one division eighty hours.

(C) In the total of one hundred and twenty-four hours of credit, at least fifty hours shall be in Junior-Senior courses. This provision shall go into effect as soon as in the opinion of the Administrative Committee a sufficient number of Junior-Senior courses are available. The rule must not become effective, however, for at least two years.

The requirements in Rhetoric and in Foreign Language shall remain as at present, except as modified by Rule A above and by Rules D, E, and F, which follow:

(D) 1. The English Department shall offer the opportunity to all students whom it ascertains to be qualified, to take, upon entrance to the University, an examination testing them on the material of the Freshman course in Rhetoric. Any student who passes this examination may be excused from part or all of the five hours of work in Rhetoric otherwise required, and he shall then be regarded as having satisfied an equivalent number of hours of the distribution requirement in Field A, Division I.

2. Before a student may enroll for any part of the final thirty hours of residence work for the A.B. degree, he must pass a proficiency examination in the correct writing of English prose. This examination shall be set by a committee chosen from the Department of English, and the reading of the examination papers shall be under the supervision of a committee of five, at least two members of which shall be members of the Department of English.

(E) Students who present two units of one foreign language from high school shall be deemed to have also met a ten-hour distribution requirement in Field B of Division I, provided that by the end of the first semester after matriculation they pass a proficiency examination, given by the department concerned, in the reading of prose of average difficulty in that language, with the aid of a dictionary.

(F) Students who satisfy the minimum distribution requirement of five hours only in Field B of Division I must take these five hours in a language in which they already have credit.