

(G) To satisfy the distribution requirement in Division I, a student must gain credit in at least one course in English literature or the literature of a foreign language.

(H) To satisfy the distribution requirement in Division III a student must gain credit in at least one laboratory course.

WHAT THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL ACCOMPLISH

It should be noted that the changes embodied in these new regulations are not radical, but simply aim at improving certain features of the work for the A.B. degree as now offered. Students are at present required to take five hours in each of six of the following groups: English, Ancient Languages, Modern Languages, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biological Science, History, Philosophy. The new regulations require that they complete twenty hours in each of the three new divisions indicated on Page 4, and in six different fields. These fields roughly correspond to the groups as now constituted, the main differences being that the two present language groups are merged into one field, and the present history group (which should properly be called the social science group) is divided into two fields. Under the new system sixty instead of thirty hours of work are demanded to meet the distribution requirement, but it should be noted that fifteen hours of this sixty will ordinarily be in the major subject.

The specific differences which the institution of the new regulations will make are indicated below:

1. The new regulations will insure that candidates for the A.B. degree have a somewhat better balanced program of studies than is required of them at present. Probably a third of our students will be affected by the proposal requiring them to complete more than a semester's work in each of three great branches of knowledge, the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences.

2. After 1940 no student will receive the A.B. degree who has not become somewhat acquainted with scientific methods through work in at least one laboratory course in a natural science. A fairly large number of students at present leave the University without having had such a course.

3. After 1940 no student will receive the A.B. degree who has not had at least one course in literature. Actually, very few students at present fail to take such a course, but it has seemed best to eliminate the possibility of their doing so.

4. Hereafter students may, if they wish, secure more credit in the social sciences. For some time there has been an increasing demand that our present history group be divided; and the institution of the two separate social science fields, A and B, under Division III, meets this demand.

5. After 1940 the foreign language requirement for the A.B. degree will be somewhat more exacting than the one at present. Many students will have to take more language or else work beyond the one or two beginning courses in which they frequently enroll.

6. Most important of all, possibly, after 1940 no one will be voted the A.B. degree until he has demonstrated a reasonable mastery of the English language, as shown not by a grade but through passing a proficiency examination.

7. Finally, in the new rules the first attempt is made in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to escape from the policy of evaluating work only in terms of grades. The qualifying examinations provided for in Rules D (1) and E, and more important still, the proficiency examination in English in Rule D (2), will, it is hoped, serve to remind students of the importance of scholastic attainments instead of grades. This is, the Faculty believes, a decided step in the right direction and should be carried much further in the future.