

THE GROUP SYSTEM.

No student will be graduated from Coates College who does not at the time of graduation possess a reading knowledge of French or German and some acquaintance with Latin. In the last term before graduation, an oral examination will be held to test the candidate's power of reading French and German at sight. The College provides beginners' classes, five times weekly throughout one year, for those students who in the examination for matriculation may have omitted Greek, French or German; but attendance on these classes is not obligatory, the student being free to make good her deficiencies by private reading.

The following course of study must be pursued by every candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts:

REQUIRED STUDIES.

English, five hours a week for two years.

Science, or Science and History, five hours a week for two years; that is, any one of the major courses in Science, or any two minor courses in Science; or any one of the minor courses in Science, together with one of the minor courses in History.

Philosophy, five hours weekly for a year.

GROUP.

Two Major Courses, of five hours weekly for two years each, constituting one of the following "Groups:" Any language with any language, Mathematics, with Physics, or Mathematics with Greek or Latin; any science with any science; History with Political Science.

FREE ELECTIVES.

Free Electives, five hours weekly for a year and a half, to be chosen by the student. It should be observed that a single study may be taken as a Free Elective, without electing the Group that includes it. Students wishing to combine Physics with either Chemistry or Biology must take at least a half year of Mathematics as a Free Elective.

It is expected that the student will consult the President of the College in regard to the details and best arrangement of the various studies.

In all departments as yet organized there is a course of five hours a week for two years, called a Major Course. Whenever one year of this course is of such a nature that it can be taken separately, it is marked as a Minor Course. It is required of every candidate for a degree to take two such major courses as shall be homogeneous, or shall complete each other, and major courses which fulfill this condition are designated as Groups. It is meant that the student, under this system, should lay the foundations of a specialist's knowledge; and the Required Studies, namely, English, philosophy and science, or history and science, are intended in part to supplement the Group, and in part to ensure a more liberal training than could be achieved.

It is much to be desired that all undergraduate students should enroll themselves as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and, therefore, that they should understand the precise scope and nature of the studies leading to that degree, and the significance of the Group System. A proper understanding of the Group System is, moreover, essential in order to

comprehend the distribution and arrangement of the courses of instruction, did every student combine elective studies at pleasure.

It must, however, be distinctly remembered that these Group courses are offered only to students regularly prepared to enter our Freshman class. They are not courses meant to supplement ill health or to diminish work for young women restless to quit school.

In accordance with the Bryn Mawr system, Coates College offers the following Group Courses for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, each paragraph constituting a separate Course:

I. CLASSICS. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Science (Physics, Chemistry, or Biology), Ancient History, [French or German]. *As a Group*, Greek and Latin. *As Free Electives*, advanced Greek and Latin.

II. MODERN LANGUAGES (other than English). *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Science (Physics, Chemistry or Biology), Modern History, [Greek, French, or German]. *As a Group*, French and German, or Latin and French. *As Free Electives*, Spanish or Italian.

III. ENGLISH. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Science, (Physics, Chemistry, or Biology), Modern History, [Greek, French or German]. *As a Group*, French and English, or Greek and English. *As Free Electives*, German or Latin.

IV. MATHEMATICS (with Latin). *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Physics, Ancient History, [Greek, French, or German]. *As a Group*, Mathematics and Latin. *As Free Electives*, Advanced Mathematics.

V. MATHEMATICS (with Physics). *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Chemistry, Biology, [Greek, French or German]. *As a Group*, Mathematics and Physics. *As Free Electives*, Advanced Mathematics, or Physics.

VI. HISTORY. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, any Science, any language (Greek, Latin, English, German, French, Italian, or Spanish), [Greek, French, or German]. *As a Group*, History and Political Science. *As Free Electives*, History of German, or of French, Literature.

VII. SCIENCE. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Physics, Botany, [Greek, French, or German]. *As a Group*, Chemistry and Biology. *As Free Electives*, Physics (second year); or advanced work in Biology or Chemistry.

The following combinations might be adopted by those that wish to pursue a major course in History or Science, yet do not wish to elect an historical or a scientific group.

I. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, any Science, Ancient History, [Greek, French, or German.] *As a Group*, any language with any language, or Chemistry with Biology or Physics. *As Free Electives*, Modern History.

II. *As Required Studies*, English, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, [Greek, French, or German]. *As a Group*, any language with any language. *As Free Electives*, second year in Chemistry, or one year in Biology (animal or vegetable).

Since the time of graduation is determined only by the completion of the prescribed course, there is an entire freedom from over-pressure. All matriculated students may receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts when the prescribed course of study has been satisfactorily completed. On the other hand, as is shown by the recognition of special students, it is not required of any one to apply for a degree; and no degree will be conferred unless the course has been completed with credit.