Institute Announces Plans For Course XXI: Class Of ’58 First To Integrate Humantities

Establishment of a new type of “general-integrated” course at M.I.T., starting with the class of ’58, received unanimous approval of the faculty at a recent meeting. Known as Course XXI, it will combine studies in science, engineering, humanities and social sciences.

Each student will select one of the technical courses as his “secondary major” and will spend about 60% of his time on this technical subject, reserves about 30% for courses in humanities and social sciences. He will spend the remaining 10% in electives.

Courses XXI will be offered in the fall of 1958, with the second semester starting in the fall of 1960.

New Freshman Electives

Frosh House Course XXI will follow the regular first-year curriculum, but two of the new subjects, designated basically to be in Course I, will be added to the list of freshman electives. One of these will deal with logic and the scientific method, and the other will consider the significance of science and technology on American character. It is suggested that both electives be readily available, and will be available to the entire frosh class.

In the sophomore year students will have the option of choosing their technical field with but one exception. In place of one technical subject each semester, the frosh will be required to take courses either in Economics (2410 and 2411) or in Literature (14 and 14R).

Imbalances Offered

As an innovation in the plan, the student will be able to select one of three options with Course XXI in which to specialize.

They may choose to specialize in industrial and political thought and institutions of the historical and significance of social science and philosophical ideas.

Each of these areas the content of the various semester subjects will be such as to permit a student in his senior year to engage in some research work designed to achieve an understanding of his technical and non-technical interests.

Selection Cards

Since it is important that the frosh (Continued on page 7)

Grants Now Listed

For Student Use

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In the spring, the Hayden Library Student-Alumni Center will make available to students interested in obtaining awards by doing graduate work. The idea has been developed in cooperation with the Department of the Library. These files constitute the most complete listing of such data as one may desire.

There is also information in the reference department of the Library that describes available fellowships, and grants available at schools outside the United States. These awards, fellowships, and grants given by governmental bodies, foreign universities, and industries.

A chart showing the deadlines for submitting applications for such awards is available. It is recommended that students consider all available sources of financial assistance before accepting any award.

One-hundred-one years of a grant from the Hayden Library.

The library is the only place where one can find a comprehensive listing of all the financial assistance available to students for their use. There are also extensive lists of all the major universities of the world.

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