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Excerpt from Art Division Minutes, March 15, 1939:

REQUIREMENTS OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS:

Mr. Hirsch asked the division to clarify its feeling on the question of preparing students for graduate schools, particularly schools of architecture, schools of fine arts, and teachers' colleges, so that he might report to the Executive Committee.

It was stated that last year in Personnel Committee, Mrs. Hutton agreed to send for catalogues of such schools and make a compilation of their requirements. The plan then was to prepare Senior Division students who intended going to graduate school with special work. It was further stated that most of the catalogues are in the library, but there has not been time to compile the necessary information. It was felt that a permanent service would have to be instituted in the college to keep up to date on this information.

It was therefore suggested that for the present the best method was for the counselor to ask each of his Senior Division students (that is, each student coming up for Senior Division) whether she planned to do graduate school work; for the student and counselor together to write for requirements and to plan for any special work necessary. It was felt that the requirements should be known in plenty of time for the student to work them off. There was some fear expressed of too much anticipation of such special work interfering with the broad educational philosophy of Bennington.

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