

# Social Science Majors Interested In Dr. Bowden's New Course

## First Time Offered

At the beginning of the junior year the student who has elected this field as his major will proceed on the group study plan and must complete a minimum of three such groups, totaling approximately twelve credits to the group, in his junior and senior years. The remaining credit requirements may be made up after consultation with and approval of the head of the department. Before any student may be permitted to enroll in the group study plan, although he may have completed the prerequisites, he may be required to present further evidence of sufficient background of the work he proposes to follow. Students who are thus deficient, as well as students who have transferred from other institutions, may be required to take a comprehensive examination covering that phase of the work about which there is doubt.

The method of procedure under the group plan will include the lecture and discussion method, much as is used elsewhere, but with certain fundamental differences. The seminar method, individual and class research by projects, will be fostered throughout, always keeping in mind that it is of utmost importance

to develop skills in fact finding and of discrimination in assembling a mass of facts. A student will no longer study an isolated course, but will follow a coordinated study of an entire group of related subjects. For example, the first hour of the day may be devoted to a consideration of that part of American history dealing with Taft's Administration and all its political implications, both temporary and permanent in nature. The next hour the same class will go into a detailed study of monopolies of the period, anti-trust activities, effects of the tariff, and an inquiry into those individuals and groups who were lobbying for or against the tariff, and what were their economic motives. The third hour, which might be the same day or another day of the same week, the sociology of the period will be examined. Another hour the class will study our diplomatic dealings with the remainder of the world—the Hague Conference, attempts to prevent selfish interests from plunging us into war with Mexico. "Dollar Diplomacy" in Central America and other places of the world., etc.

NOTE: No major in social science is to take U. S. History this semester so as not to interfere with the other students who are taking the course.