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A GRADUATE STUDENT is more than just a "woman who no longer has hours." She is more than just a "woman with a college degree."

Most likely she is attending class, working and writing a thesis at the same time.

In the Department of Textiles and Clothing, as in all departments, the graduate will be one of three kinds. First, she may be studying on a department assistantship. This means that she must devote half-time service to the teaching preparation of her department. In addition, she may carry eleven academic hours of credit.

Graduate assistantships range from $1,200 to $2,000 for 9 months. A fee reduction of $42 a quarter is available to graduate assistants.

A student on a research assistantship will devote twenty-two hours a week to research work. She may also carry eleven credits per quarter. Research may be sponsored by the college or it may be sponsored by industry through the college. This kind of research is set up by the Home Economics Research Department as a part of the work of the Experiment Station at Iowa State College.

Thirdly, she may be self-supporting. In this case, she may carry a maximum of 15 credit hours per quarter.

Forty-five Hours Credit

In order to qualify for a master's degree, a student must complete forty-five hours of approved graduate work which includes course work and a thesis, based on original research. It usually requires at least three quarters and two summer sessions to complete all requirements.

Specific requirements for graduate study begin on page 108 of the 1956-57 Iowa State College General Catalog.

The student must first apply to the graduate school for admission. If she wishes to apply for one of the assistantships, she writes a letter of application to the head of the department. She will be notified of acceptance, usually the first part of April, by the head of the department in which she plans to do her major work.

Research At Iowa State

To give you an idea of the variety and scope of some of these projects, here is a sampling of graduate students in the Department of Textiles and Clothing.

Harriet Parsons LaGrange, an Iowa State graduate of 1954, whose husband is working for his Ph.D. in dairy bacteriology, is doing research on the benefits to be derived at Iowa State from a retail training program. Data is being obtained by questionnaire and interview from employers and college graduates who are in the field of retailing and from professors in colleges and universities which have such programs.

Margaret Van Gorp Haeberlin, '55, has developed a test which she is using to determine the knowledge of incoming students in the five areas of costume design and selection. If this proves to be satisfactory, it will be helpful to instructors in adapting their material to the students. Margaret teaches a night class in tailoring at Ames High School for the adult education program. She also teaches Textiles and Clothing 145 at Iowa State.