INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

For the Prospective Students

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One of the principal aims of the Hindusthan Association of America is to help the prospective students from India, who desire to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the American universities. The cordial welcome the universities of the United States accord to the foreign students can best be stated by the fact that about five thousand students from all parts of the globe are taking courses in the various universities of this country.

With a view to be of some service to our fellow students in India, we keep records of the universities, the best courses given and the expenses incurred; we guide the student to an university which is best suited to him and furnish all other information that he may require to know.

Universities: There are about 596 universities and colleges in the United States, including professional schools, of which about twenty-three are of the first grade.

System of American Education: American education is based on the credit system. One credit is equivalent to one lecture and recitation in a week during one semester (see sessions), i. e., about sixteen to eighteen lectures. Three lectures on a subject in a week mean three credits a semester. Subjects are arranged according to these credits. One subject constitutes two, three or four credits. Part of credits of a subject cannot be earned. The minimum credit of works a student is required to take up in each semester is twelve to eighteen in accordance with line of study. Four years are usually required for graduation.

If a student fails in one of his subjects, he needs take up only that particular subject in the following semester and not the other subjects in which he was successful. Thus he saves much of his time from unnecsary labors, as in the case in India.

Pre-requisites for Entrance: Students who have read up to the intermediate courses or equivalent will not find any difficulty in entering into the university here. It is desirable that the students read up to Bachelor of Arts. The high school standard of