



## SENIOR IN ABSENTIA PRIVILEGE

Students of outstanding ability who are accepted by an accredited professional school after the completion of three years of undergraduate work at Houghton College may qualify for the appropriate degree by transferring to Houghton the credit earned during the first two years of professional study, thus shortening by one year their preprofessional training. Such students will be taking their senior year in absentia. In such instances the Houghton degree will be conferred at the end of the second year of professional studies.

The above privilege may be available to students wishing to enter professional training for a career in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, law, engineering or nursing. In the case of nursing the student must also complete the requirements for the B.S. in nursing at an accredited school of nursing in order to be eligible to receive the Houghton degree. The degree conferred will be appropriate to the work taken in Houghton and in the professional school. Senior in Absentia applies only to a four year baccalaureate degree program at Houghton. A graduate will be listed as receiving one of the following if appropriate: summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude.

To be eligible for the Senior in Absentia privilege, a student must meet all of the requirements of the first three years in a degree program at Houghton College. Specifically these requirements are:

- A. The satisfactory completion of requirements in general education studies expected of all Houghton graduates. (See catalog: Program of Studies.)
- B. The completion of one-half of a student's major plus a minimum of 12 hours of one minor or 6 hours in each of two minors.
- C. The completion of a total of 90 semester hours of work, 60 of which have been taken in residence at Houghton, including the final 30.
- D. A transcript or a statement from the Dean of the professional school certifying that the first two years of professional work have been satisfactorily completed.

Written application for the Senior in Absentia privilege must be made by March 15 of the Junior year and must be approved by the chair of the department in which the student is majoring and the Associate Dean of the College. When a student is accepted by an approved professional school, he/she must obtain a final acceptance of his plans by the above named Houghton officers.

Admission to Houghton College does not imply assurance as to the availability of the Senior in Absentia privilege. This privilege is predicated on the student doing satisfactory work in Houghton and being accepted by and attending an approved professional school.

For a degree to be awarded by Houghton College, a student must comply with all the aforesaid requirements as stated and must complete a major offered by Houghton College. A completed major may be achieved two ways:

- 1) Completing the major at Houghton College before the student transfers to another institution
- or
- 2) All required remaining courses to complete a Houghton major must be taken at the professional school and then transferred to Houghton College.