COURSE NO. COURSE TITLE INSTRUCTOR
572 UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN EUROPEAN HISTORY PAYNE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Topic: Fascism, Nazism and World War II

This course is an undergraduate proseminar for juniors and seniors in the topic designated. It will consist of two major forms of study: joint reading of basic materials followed by seminar discussion, and the completion of an individual research project by each student. The first half of the semester will be devoted in large part to the former, and the second half will concentrate mainly on the individual research paper, though both forms of study will overlap and will not be exclusively separated. The purpose is to enable each student to gain a basic understanding of central problems that stem from the topic in a general sense, while achieving deeper knowledge of a specific topic that the student has selected.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

The only written assignment will be the research paper. There will be no written examinations.

GRADING SYSTEM

At least 60 percent of the grade will be based on the research paper; the remainder will be based on verbal reports and discussion of common reading.

REQUIRED READINGS

A list of books on reserve for general reading will be distributed.

Peter Calvocoressi & Guy Wint, Total War (2 vols)
is recommended for purchase for basic background.