

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester II, 1993-94

History 825: Seminar in 19th and 20th Century Europe (3 cr.)
Prof. Kcehl; Monday 3:30-5:20

THE DIPLOMACY OF THE NAZI ERA

This seminar combines features of a reading seminar with those of a research seminar. Students will read and discuss a variety of studies. After the first few weeks, students will be expected to volunteer to lead these discussions. Furthermore, students will each prepare a critical book review of a recent book in their chosen field of research of no more than 800 words and report orally on the book in conjunction with a bibliographical report based on an annotated list of at least eight books and/or articles pertaining to their research topic for the semester. Lastly, the seminar concludes with the defense of research papers in the chosen field of each participant, of about 20 pages exclusive of apparatus. Papers will be distributed to all participants from 3 to 7 days in advance of the defense, and each student will select a chief critic. All students are expected to join in the critique of each paper. Additional sessions are sometimes necessary to provide sufficient time for defense and critiques. Paper revision is always possible, even for papers defended late in the final week. 50% of the grade is based on the research paper, its defense and revision; and the other 50% is based on oral work, the book review, the annotated bibliography, and the formal critique. Regular attendance at the seminar is required and due dates must be honored to enable the seminar to run smoothly and profitably for all concerned.

Syllabus:

Jan. 24 Acquaintanceship

Jan. 31 G. Craig and F. Gilbert, eds. The Diplomats, 1919-1939, vol. II
The Thirties. Atheneum, 1963. D 727.C7

Feb. 7 P. Wandycz The Twilight of the French Eastern Alliances
1926-1936 Princeton, 1988. DC 394.W36, pp. 259-447

Feb. 14 T. L. Lewis A Climate for Appeasement Lang 1991. DA 578.L45
pp. 145-241

Feb. 21 A. J. Crozier Appeasement: Germany's Last Bid for Colonies
St. Martin's Press, 1988. JV 2018.C76, pp. 99-273