

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

SEMESTER I YEAR 1976-77

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
362	Emergence of Modern Britain, 1660-1815	Sachse

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course deals with the political, economic, social and cultural developments of England. Focus is on England, with incidental reference to Welsh, Scottish and Irish affairs. The more important factors relating to the growth of the Empire will be treated. In general, emphasis will be on issues and conditions contributing significantly to the institutions and way of life of modern Britain, i.e., Britain in 1815 and thereafter. In this connection, special attention will be paid to certain governmental developments (limited monarchy, rise of political parties, cabinet government), the rise of science and rationalism, with attendant religious developments, the economic changes of the "Industrial Revolution", the social effects of the "Industrial Revolution", the growth and character of the "Old Empire", the American Revolution, reform projects in the latter part of the eighteenth century, the impact of the French Revolution.

LECTURES

Two or three a week, depending on periods set aside for discussion, audio-visual presentations, etc.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

A mid-semester exam (50 minutes), and a two-hour final exam (given on the appointed day). For students choosing the fourth credit option a term paper is required. A list of topics will be made available. Conferences will be scheduled with individual students in connection with the paper.

GRADING SYSTEM

Mid-semester exam = 25%; Term paper = 25%; Final exam = 50%

REQUIRED READINGS

Derek Jarrett, Britain, 1688-1815
Stuart Prall, The Bloodless Revolution
I.R. Christie, Crisis of Empire: Great Britain and the Colonies, 1754-1783
John H. Plumb, The Growth of Political Stability in England, 1675-1725
Paul Mantoux, The Industrial Revolution in the Eighteenth Century