

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1978-9

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
572	Undergraduate Colloquium "Consent of Instructor Required to register for this course"	D. Sella 5125 Humanities 263-1853

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The colloquium on Social Structure and Political Power in Europe (17^u - 18^uc.) will explore the meaning of the so-called "society of orders" or "corporate society" (with special emphasis on France and England) as a key to understanding the nature and exercise of political power in early modern times.

Besides reading a few required books for background information, individual students will research specific aspects of that society. Ex.: the changing role of the aristocracy; the organization of urban life; the rise of the bureaucracy as a new political force; the foundations of royal absolutism; present uprisings; etc.

LECTURES

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

GRADING SYSTEM

REQUIRED READINGS