THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN Department of History

Semester II Year 1983/4

COURSE NO.

COURSE TITLE

INSTRUCTOR

572

Proseminar: Athens: Orgins to Empire

Mr. Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This undergraduate seminar will examine the growth of ancient Athens, from its aristocratic condition to the establishment of democracy, from its magnificent victory over Persia to the winning of its own empire. We shall discuss a different topic each week, and emphasis in the course will be on participation by all students. Written assignments will be fairly frequent, but quite brief, in order to emphasize weekly participation. No knowledge of Greek history is required, but History 111, 303, or 304 as a prerequisite is highly recommended.

LECTURES

one seminar meeting/week

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

GRADING SYSTEM

A-F

REQUIRED READINGS

Thucycides, THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR Herodotus, THE PERSIAN WAR Plutarch, THE RISE AND FALL OF ATHENS 3. Sealey, A HISTORY OF THE GREEK CITY STATES Aristotle, CONSTITUTION OF ATHENS