COURSE NO.  COURSE TITLE  INSTRUCTOR

137  Introduction to the History and Society of the Eastern Mediterranean and Muslim Worlds  Cigar

COURSE DESCRIPTION  475-1258

This course provides an introduction to the social, economic, cultural, and political history of the eastern and southern regions of the Mediterranean basin from the fall of the Roman Empire to the destruction of Baghdad by the Mongols in the mid 13th century. Particular attention is given to the birth of Islam, the Arab conquests, the Omayyid and Abbasid Caliphates, the Turkish invasions, Islamic civilization, and the Crusades.

LECTURES

Three lectures a week; one discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

Three exams.

GRADING SYSTEM

Six-week exam: 25%; twelve-week exam: 25%; final exam: 40%; participation in discussion sections: 10%.

REQUIRED READINGS


Optional readings on reserve.