

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester I Year 1977-78

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
137	Introduction to the History and Society of the Eastern Mediterranean and Muslim Worlds	Cigar
<u>COURSE DESCRIPTION</u> 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 Umayyid 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

G.E. von Grunebaum, Classical Islam; A History, 600-1250.
McNeill and Walcman, eds. The Islamic World.

optional readings on reserve.