

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

Semester Fall Year 1976

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
572	Undergraduate Studies in European Civilization: The Persian Wars	Kenneth Sacks

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will concern the Persian Wars, fought between the Persians and Greeks in the early part of the Fifth Century, B.C. We shall begin with an in depth study of the main source for the period, Herodotus, by discussing the questions of his basic reliability and his methods and aims of composition. Following this, we shall deal with at least ten major historical problems (one/week) on the Persian Wars, from their origins to their conclusion. Topics are of diverse nature: diplomatic, political, military, topographical, source criticism, chronological, among others. No foreign language or specialized skill is required.

LECTURES

Weekly seminar meeting of two hours

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

2 oral reports; 2 papers (papers may be based upon reports)

GRADING SYSTEM

REQUIRED READINGS

Herodotus: The Persian Wars

Numerous journal articles and books will be placed on reserve.