

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

SEMESTER II YEAR 78

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
137	Introduction to History and Society of Eastern Mediterranean and Muslim Worlds, 475-1258	Mr. Cigar

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the Middle East since the appearance of Islam. Attention is given not only to the political aspect of this period, but also to developments in religion, society, economics, and culture. Topics dealt with include Muhammad's mission, Muslim expansion, nomadic society, the medieval city, slavery, the countryside, the arts, etc.

LECTURES

T - Th 2:25 and one discussion/week

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMS

one short paper
midterm
final

GRADING SYSTEM

paper 30%
midterm 20%
final 40%
discussion 10%

REQUIRED READINGS

J.J. Saunders, HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL ISLAM (paperback).
B. Lewis, THE ARABS IN HISTORY "
J. Christopher, THE ISLAMIC TRADITION "
THE ARABIAN NIGHTS "

some Xeroxed articles