Course Description

Surveys the historical and current practices of terrorism that are national, transnational, or domestic in origin. Includes biological, chemical, nuclear, and cyber-terrorism. Teaches the identification and classification of terrorist organizations, violent political groups and issue-oriented militant movements. Examines investigative methods and procedures utilized in counter-terrorist efforts domestically and internationally. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of the cause, methods, types, and consequences of terrorist activity.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisites: ADJ 100 and ADJ 107

Course Objectives

Upon completion the course, the student will be able to:

- Relate the history of terrorism
- Understand terrorist motivations, goals and objectives
- Learn about organization of terrorist groups
- Provide information about terrorist groups operating throughout the world
- Discuss issues regarding effective counter-terrorism
- Explore terrorism in terms of technological targets

Major Topics To Be Included

- Definitions of terrorism.
- Goals of terrorists.
- Theories of justification for terrorism
- Structure, goals, and characteristics of terrorist groups.
- History of terrorism.
- Identify national and international terrorist groups.
- Types of terrorist activity, i.e. nuclear, biological, chemical, cyber-terrorism.
- Counter-terrorist concepts.
- Kidnappings: Political/ransom orientated

Optional Topics

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor.