

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 234

Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Prerequisites

None

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.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Homeland Security: A Complete Guide to Understanding, Preventing, and Surviving Terrorism, 2nd edition Author: Sauter and Carafano ISBN# 978-0-071-7740-0

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Understand the history and practices of terrorism
- Acquire an understanding of the goals of terrorism
- Articulate the various types of terrorism
- Discuss evidentiary matters
- Identify various extremist groups
- Locate various hard/soft targets in the community
- List various weapons of mass destruction
- Discuss counter-terrorism strategies

Topical Description

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| 1 | Defining Terrorism |
| 2 | Islamic Extremist Groups |
| 3 | Nazi Connection to Islamic Terrorism |
| 4 | History of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism |
| 5 | Terrorist Operations and Tactics |
| 6 | Weapons of Mass Destruction |
| 7 | Role of Homeland Security |
| 8 | National Emergency Management |
| 9 | Counter-Terrorism Strategies |
| 10 | Cyber Warfare |
| 11 | Domestic Terrorism |
| 12 | Security in the Private Sector |

Notes to Instructors