**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. Canvas

**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**