

# 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**

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**