

# Virginia Western Community College

## ADJ 234

### Terrorism and Counterterrorism

#### Prerequisites

None

#### VCCS 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**

#### 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

#### VCCS 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

## **VWCC Course Outcomes**

- Defining Terrorism
- Islamic Extremist Groups
- Nazi Connection to Islamic Terrorism
- History of Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Terrorist Operations and Tactics
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Role of Homeland Security
- National Emergency Management
- Counter-Terrorism Strategies
- Cyber Warfare
- Domestic Terrorism
- Security in the Private Sector

## **Note to Instructors**

None

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