

OHLONE COLLEGE
Ohlone Community College District
OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

I. Description of Course:

1. Department/Course: AJ - 123

2. Title: Terrorism

3. Cross Reference:

4. Units: 3.00

Lec Hrs: 3.00

Lab Hrs:

5. Repeatability: No

6. Grade Options:

Grade Only (GR)

7. Degree/ Applicability:

Credit, Degree Applicable, Not Transferable (D)

8. General Education:

District General Education (Plan A)

II. Social Sciences/American

Institutions

9. CAN Numbers:

10. Field Trips: Not Required

11. Requisites:

Advisory

ENGL 151B and ENGL 163

12. Catalog Description:

This course examines basic information about the structure and nature of domestic and international terrorism, and the roles of state and local law enforcement in national defense.

13. Class Schedule Description:

Basic information about the structure and nature of terrorism.

14. Counselor Information:

This course is part of the Administration of Justice AA degree and will be of interest to anyone majoring in administration of justice, law, or any law enforcement related career.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

The student will:

1. List and summarize some common definitions of terrorism.
2. List the differences between the behavior of ordinary criminals and terrorists.
3. Summarize how terrorism groups are financed.
4. Explain how religion and terrorism become related.
5. Describe the debate about new and old terrorism.
6. Identify the three primary sources of terrorism in the Middle East.
7. Describe the relationship between terrorism and guerilla warfare.
8. Summarize American terrorism.
9. Define and describe technological terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
10. Explain contagion theory within the context of terrorism and the media.
11. Define the dilemma regarding criminal justice and defense policy.
12. Discuss the role of civil liberties in counterterrorist policies.
13. Summarize the role of intelligence in counterterrorism.
14. Summarize the US Patriot Act.

III. Course Outline:

- A. The Criminology of Terrorism
 - 1. Mutating Forms of Terrorism
 - 2. Individual and group behavior
 - 3. Changing group structures and the metamorphosis of terrorism
 - 4. Religion and terror
- B. Essential Background
 - 1. The origins of modern terrorism
 - 2. The origins of the Irish troubles
 - 3. The origins of Middle Eastern terrorism
 - 4. Latin American influences on terrorism
- C. Modern Terrorism
 - 1. International terrorism and the question of Palestine
 - 2. Religion and Middle Eastern terrorism
 - 3. International terrorism: the rise and fall of the left and right
 - 4. Nationalist and Ethnic terrorism
 - 5. Terrorism in the United States
- D. Issues in Modern Terrorism
 - 1. Technological terrorism and weapons of mass destruction
 - 2. Terrorism and the media
 - 3. Policy, liberty, security and the future
 - 4. Responding to the tragedy of September 11, 2001

IV. Course Assignments:

Reading Assignments

Textbooks and pertinent journal articles.

Writing Assignments

A seven-ten page research paper on a topic such as:

Explain the various methods in which terrorism is financed.

Compare and contrast two major terrorist groups.

Discuss the impact of weapons of mass destruction upon terrorist groups.

Discuss how terrorism is changing.

Discuss the Homeland Security Act.

Discuss efforts being made to protect America from future acts of terrorism.

Projects, Activities, and other Assignments

V. Methods of Evaluation:

- A. Multiple choice
- B. True/False
- C. Short Answer
- D. Identification
- E. Matching

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture

VI. Textbooks:

Required

1. Mayer, Jeremy *9-11 The Giant Awakens* 1st edition Edition, Wadsworth/Thomson, 2003 ISBN: 0534616593 Required

1. White, Jonathon *Defending the Homeland* 1st edition Edition, Wadsworth/Thomson, 2004 ISBN: 0534621694 Required

1. White, Jonathan R. *Terrorism* 4th edition Edition, Wadsworth/Thomson, 2003 ISBN: 0534578519

Optional

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VII. Supplies:

1. none