

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:	
PO 4025 TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE	
(Fall 2022)	UK Level: 6 UK CREDITS:15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3
PREREQUISITES	None.
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	An introduction to the primary ideas and problems associated with the study of terrorism and political violence. Developing a deeper understanding of the causes of various forms of violence and hatred, how they spread, and how we may combat them with social, political and economic policies.
RATIONALE:	The nature and psychology of modern terrorist networks and methods will be analyzed. Emphasis will be placed on the various methods of financing such as fundraising, state sponsorship, charitable contributions, extortion, and criminal activities. Finally, students will dissect the major U.S. and European national security policies designed to combat terrorism and violence, and discuss their effectiveness. The course may be of particular interest to students in international relations, history, sociology, political science, and psychology.
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the students should be able to: 1. Examine what terrorism and political violence are and what they are not, why actors resort to these forms of hatred, and the organizations that promote these phenomena. 2. Apply the knowledge developed to discussions about effective policymaking 3. Formulate a greater awareness of the civic responsibilities related to security issues, with a view to developing leadership skills in this area 4. Analyze a variety of primary sources including manifestos, intelligence documents, court documents, and scholarly writings in the field 5. Apply interdisciplinary methods of analysis in order to form logical and persuasive arguments.
METHOD OFTEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: Lectures and class discussions. - Office hours: students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their lecturer, where they can address issues and ask questions pertinent to the course material. - Use of a blackboard site, where instructors post lecture notes, assignment instructions, timely announcements, as well as additional resources.

	<p>- Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.</p>								
<p>ASSESSMENT:</p>	<p>Summative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 363 1425 627"> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 363 1203 432">First Assessment: Mid Term Examination (1-hour exam)</td> <td data-bbox="1203 363 1425 432">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 432 1203 554">Second Assessment: Individual Presentation on key issues regarding terrorism and political violence</td> <td data-bbox="1203 432 1425 554">10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 554 1203 627">Final Assessment: Term Paper (3,000 to 4,000 words)</td> <td data-bbox="1203 554 1425 627">60%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Formative:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 701 1425 770"> <tr> <td data-bbox="639 701 1203 770">An annotated bibliography in preparation for the research paper formative</td> <td data-bbox="1203 701 1425 770">0</td> </tr> </table> <p>The 1st summative assessment tests tests Learning Outcomes 1, 2 and 3. The 2nd summative assessment tests Learning Outcomes 1, 4 and 5. The 3rd summative assessment tests Learning Outcomes 1 to 5.</p> <p>The final grade for this module will not be determined through grade averaging. Students are required to resit any failed assessments.</p>	First Assessment: Mid Term Examination (1-hour exam)	30%	Second Assessment: Individual Presentation on key issues regarding terrorism and political violence	10%	Final Assessment: Term Paper (3,000 to 4,000 words)	60%	An annotated bibliography in preparation for the research paper formative	0
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<p>INDICATIVE READING:</p>	<p>REQUIRED READING:</p> <p>Gus, Martin. <i>Understanding Terrorism. Challenges, Perspectives, and Issues</i>, 7th edition. Los Angeles: Sage Publication July 2020</p> <p>RECOMMENDED READING:</p> <p>Banna, Hasan. Selected writings of Hasan al Banna. Karachi: A. Husain for International Islamic Publishers, 1983. Berman, Paul. <i>Terror and Liberalism</i>. New York: Norton, 2003. Chenoweth Erica, Richard English, Gofas Andreas, Kalyvas Stathis (eds). <i>The Oxford Handbook of Terrorism</i>. London, Oxford University Press, 2015. Godfrey Garner and Maeghin Alarid-Hughes. <i>Origins of Terrorism. The Rise of the World’s Most Formidable Terrorist Groups</i>. 1st ed. Florida, CRC Press, 2021. Qutb, Sayyid. <i>The Scale of Human Values</i>. Cairo: Kashf ul Shubuhah Publications, 1951. Silke, Andrew (ed.) <i>Routledge Handbook of Terrorism and Counterterrorism</i>, 1st ed. London: Routledge, 2020.</p>								

	<p>Small, Charles, Asher, Global Antisemitism: A Crisis of Modernity. New York: ISGAP, 2013.</p> <p>Stern, Jessica. Terror in the Name of God. New York: Ecco, 2003.</p> <p>Wistrich, Robert. A Lethal Obsession: Antisemitism – From Antiquity to the Global Jihad. New York: Random House, 2010.</p>
<p>INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</p>	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Verbal skills using academic / professional English.</p>
<p>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</p>	<p>Word.</p>
<p>WWW RESOURCES:</p>	<p>http://www.interpol.int/Crime-areas/Terrorism/Terrorism http://antisemitism.org.il/eng/Introduction http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/ http://www.adl.org/ http://www.ctc.usma.edu/ http://www.rand.org/ http://www.terrorism.org/ https://eplibrary.libguides.com/CPOL/SR/Terrorism/e-books</p>
<p>INDICATIVE CONTENT:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Terrorism: First Impressions 2. Conceptual Considerations: Understanding Political Violence 3. The Past as Prologue: Historical Perspectives on Terrorism 4. The Nature of the Beast: Defining Terrorism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Defining Terrorism: An Ongoing Debate 4.2. A Definitional Problem: Perspectives on Terrorism 4.3. The Political Violence Matrix 5. Understanding Extremism 6. Beginnings: The Causes of Terrorism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Political Violence as Strategic Choice 6.2. Political Violence as the Fruit of Injustice 6.3. Moral Justifications for Political Violence 7. Terrorist Environments and Typologies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1. Terror From Above: Terrorism by the State 7.2. Terror From Below: Terrorism by Dissidents

7.3. Violence in the Name of the Faith: Religious Terrorism

7.4. Violent Ideologies: Terrorism From the Left and Right

8. Terrorist Spillovers: International Terrorism

9. Emerging Terrorist Environments: Gender-Selective Political Violence and Criminal Dissident Terrorism

10. The Terrorist Trade and Counterterrorist

11. The Information Battleground: Terrorist Violence and the Role of the Media

12. Counterterrorism: The Options

13. The Future of Terrorism