

Course Description

DSC4012 | Terrorism | 3.00 credits

A study of domestic and international terrorism, using current events and past incidents for analysis, to include the events, the responses, and the outcomes. Prerequisite: CCJ1020

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will analyze the evolving forms of terrorism by:

1. Defining and discussing the context of terrorism
2. Exploring the typologies of terrorism
3. Identifying and discussing the tactics of terrorism

Competency 2: The student will analyze individual and group terrorist behavior by:

1. Exploring group behavior
2. Researching and reviewing terrorist profiles
3. Discussing individualistic terrorists

Competency 3: The student will analyze group structures by:

1. Exploring the structure of terrorist groups
2. Defining and discussing “lone wolf” terrorists
3. Defining and exploring “berserker” terrorists

Competency 4: The student will analyze the relationship between religion and terrorism by:

1. Exploring Hoffman’s analysis of religious terrorism
2. Discussing Huntington’s “A Clash of Civilization”

Competency 5: The student will analyze the origins and history of terrorism by:

1. Discussing the French revolution
2. Describing the Russian revolution
3. Defining anarchy
4. Discussing a class revolution

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of regional terrorism by:

1. Discussing the history of the regions where terrorism exists
2. Describing the religions in areas where terrorism exists

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate knowledge of middle eastern terrorism by:

1. Discussing the demographics of the region
2. Identifying and describing the geography of the region
3. Discussing ethnic group rivalries in the area

Competency 8: The student will analyze domestic terrorism by:

1. Identifying and describing traits of right-wing extremism
2. Identifying and describing traits of left-wing extremism
3. Describing animal rights extremism
4. Discussing eco-extremism

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate knowledge of terrorist weapons by:

1. Discussing weapons of mass destruction
2. Describing nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons
3. Analyzing cyber-terrorism

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate knowledge of counterterrorism techniques by:

1. Discussing intelligence gathering
2. Analyzing security precautions

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information