



Course Description

DSC4014 | Domestic & International Terrorism | 3.00 credits

This course is a study of the causes and effects of domestic and international terrorist events.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will discuss terrorism by:

1. Defining terrorism
2. Categorizing terrorist activity
3. Comparing and contrasting domestic and international terrorism

Competency 2: The student will discuss the philosophy of terrorism by:

1. Classifying terrorist groups
2. Identifying the causes that terrorists declare
3. Discussing the history of terrorism
4. Determining terrorists' motivation

Competency 3: The student will discuss the concept of modern terrorism by:

1. Identifying national and international terrorist targets
2. Analyzing the threat risk and levels
3. Defining the role of federal agencies

Competency 4: The student will discuss weapons of mass destruction by:

1. Identifying the WMD typologies
2. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of WMD
3. Defining the first responders' role
4. Assessing the long-term effects of incidents

Competency 5: The student will analyze significant terrorist events by:

1. Examining and discussing significant international case studies
2. Examining and discussing significant domestic case studies

Competency 6: The student will describe terrorist response tactics by:

1. Identifying and discussing federal target capabilities
2. Identifying and discussing the use of personal protective equipment
3. Discussing national response plans and efforts

Competency 7: The student will trace initiatives of the Regional Domestic Security Task Force in Florida by:

1. Defining the role and mission of the task force
2. Identifying essential roles of interagency operations
3. Describing the committees and/or disciplines on the task force
4. Reviewing and discussing the Urban Area Security Initiatives

Competency 8: The student will analyze the challenges in the response to terrorism by:

1. Exploring budgetary issues
2. Addressing the state of equipment and training
3. Determining and discussing operational shortfalls

Competency 9: The student will identify the resources available in the war against terrorism by:

1. Discussing the community emergency response team
2. Reviewing and discussing the Federal Flight Deck Officer program
3. Identifying national initiatives for intelligence gathering
4. Designing a sample command structure

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society