

# **SOC 480 - TERRORISM**

## **SYLLABUS**

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### **COURSE DELIVERY:**

Print-Based Correspondence Course

### **CREDIT HOURS:**

Three Semester Hours

### **PREREQUISITES:**

SOC 201; or Permission of Instructor

### **COURSE MATERIALS:**

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to [www.exstudies.adams.edu](http://www.exstudies.adams.edu) and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 1030** to order books from Bookstore site.

### **Required Textbook:**

White, J. R. (2009). Terrorism and homeland security. Belmont, CA:  
Wadsworth Cengage Learning. (ISBN: 13-978-0-495-59645-5)

### **Optional Textbook:**

Annual editions: Violence and terrorism (2007). Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill  
Learning Series. (ISBN: 13-978-0-07-351619-6)

### **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

This course seeks to understand the origin of terrorism. This course has been designed to analyze the ever changing society with the influence of terrorism. A survey of different terrorist attacks will be examined. This course will take a multicultural perspective as different groups of people are studied and the threat of terrorism is applied. This course will also offer practical approaches to dealing with the threat of terrorism.

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## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

In this course, students will examine the connections between terrorism and society:

- by examining the origin of terrorism.
- by reviewing motivations for terrorism.
- by critically evaluating terrorist attacks.
- by describing how terrorism affects society.
- by considering the importance of cultural diversity.
- by gaining an understanding of counterterrorism.
- by being able to differentiate between homeland security and law enforcement.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS:** You will read the assignments outlined in this syllabus. After reading the assigned chapters in the lesson plan, you are to answer the question that is listed at the end of the lesson plan. There will be a total of 10 homework assignments. The response to each of the questions needs to be long enough in order to give a thoughtful and thorough answer. **NOTE:** Each assignment must be at least two pages, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, one inch margins, include citations and APA format. Spelling, grammar and appropriate punctuation will be a part of the grade. *Each assignment is worth 25 points for a total of 250 points.*

**EXAMS:** You will be required to take a proctored midterm and final exam. It is the responsibility of the student to secure a location to take the test. If you live near a high school or local community college – they may be good places to take the tests. The college will mail the exams directly to the person at the location where the test will be taken. (Please see “Guidelines for Proctored Exams” before the Midterm in the Study Guide.) The exams will consist primarily of multiple choice questions. After Homework Assignment in Lesson #5 has been completed, you may take the midterm exam. After Homework Assignment in Lesson #10 has been completed, you may take the final exam. **The midterm exam covers chapters 1 thru 8. The final exam covers chapters 9 thru 17.** Students who read the text book thoroughly will do well on the exams. *Each exam is worth 200 points for a total of 400 points.*

**PAPER:** The student will create a timeline of terrorist events. This timeline should be a list of at least 25 significant incidents that take us to today’s date/ modern day. The student will include the date of the incident (i.e. September 11, 2001.), the location (New York, United States of America), who was involved (the nation who started the attack and the nation who was attacked), how many people killed, and a summation of the incident. There may be times when these attacks are justified by the terrorist group – these justifications should be included within the summation. *This paper is worth 100 points.*

## GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

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### **Grade Distribution:**

Assignments	250 points
Midterm Exam	200 points
Final Exam	200 points
<u>Paper</u>	<u>100 points</u>
Total Points	750 points

### **Scale:**

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F

### Point Scale

675 – 750 = A
600 – 674 = B
525 – 599 = C
450 – 524 = D
0 – 449 = F

### **ADA STATEMENT:**

Students who need special accommodation to complete this class should contact the instructor and the Office of Student Affairs, 719.587.7221 as soon as possible.