Saint Leo University

CRM365
Local Response to Terrorism

Course Description:
This course provides a comprehensive overview of the need to plan for the possibility of a terrorist event on the local level. A terrorist event could take place that restricts or retards the state and federal government's response to a local community. The course will give the student the tools needed to prepare a local agency for immediate response to an event in his or her community. The course will give an introduction to the National Incident Management System and will provide the student with the information necessary to ensure local government compliance with federal law.

Prerequisite:
POL123, CRM220

Textbooks:
Walsh, D. W., et al. (2012). National Incident Management System: Principles and Practice. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett.
ISBN-13: 978-0-7637-8187-3

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.
ISBN-13: 978-1-4338-0561-5

Learning Outcomes:
As a result of this course, students will:
1. Describe the role of the Saint Leo University core value of Community in designing a local response to terrorism.
2. Relate lessons learned from past incidents and exercises to the needs of local jurisdictions.
3. Recognize the importance of planning for a terrorist attack.
4. Obtain the knowledge to prepare a response and containment plan in the event of a terrorist attack.
5. Evaluate existing local plans for response and containment of a terrorist attack.
6. Plan and conduct a training exercise involving a local response to a hypothetical terrorist attack.
7. Obtain the necessary knowledge to prepare a local agency for compliance with the National Incident Management System requirements.
8. Articulate the responsibilities and authority of local government in a terrorist situation.
9. Develop expertise necessary to prepare a local agency for compliance with National Incident Management System requirements.

Core Value:
Community: Saint Leo University develops hospitable Christian learning communities everywhere we serve. We foster a spirit of belonging, unity and interdependence based on mutual trust and respect to create socially responsible environments that challenge all of us to listen, to learn, to change and to serve.

Evaluation:
Grades will be based on the following;

Assignment	% of total grade
Quizzes (6 @ 2% ea.)	12
Discussions (8 @ 3% ea.)	24
Final exam	40
Research paper	24
Total	**100%**

Grading Scale:

Grade	Score (%)
A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	60-66
F	0-59

Quizzes
In modules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, you will complete a 10-question quiz covering the concepts introduced in the modules.

Discussions
Each module will include a discussion assignment in which you are required to participate. See the **Discussion Guidelines** in the Start Here menu for further information.

Final Exam
The 90-minute final exam will consist of five short-essay questions.

Research Paper
Students will write a research paper based on one of the topics below. The paper should include an overview of the subject and major relevant points relative to economic, social and/or legal implications or impacts. Moreover, the paper should incorporate the role of the Saint Leo University core value of *Community* as it relates to local response to terrorism (e.g., mutual aid agreements, regionalization approaches, multi-jurisdictional training or exercises, cross-discipline training or exercises, interoperable communications, etc).

Topics:
- Regionalization planning, preparation, and response approach
- Mutual aid agreements
- Interoperable communications
- Any aspect of the Incident Command System
- Aspects of NIMS training
- Operational planning at the local level for potential terrorist threats
- Local police response to terrorism
- Preparing for incidents of terrorism at the local Level
- Developing emergency response plans that include local law enforcement
- Testing emergency response plans that include local law enforcement
- Local law enforcement involvement in Joint Terrorism Task Forces
- Legal tools available at the local level to exploit terrorist activities

The paper has a required minimum length of 2500 words and must conform to APA style and formatting. This includes a running head, page numbers, cover page, abstract, introduction, body, summary of findings, conclusion, in-text citations, and reference page. Non-APA formatted papers will receive an automatic 25 point reduction.

A minimum of five references are required, with *no more than* two from Internet sources. Additional grading criteria will include clarity of presentation, quality of content, mastery of content, care and attention to detail, organization, originality of presentation, and the value and interest of the presentation, as well as proper grammar and punctuation. A grading rubric is available in the course **Doc Sharing** section.

The assignment must be your original work. You are required to use no more than 15% of others quoted work when completing any assignments within this course of study. Your research paper must therefore be 85% original. No previously submitted papers, articles, reports or project, in whole or in part, to any university or college will be accepted.

Written Assignments and the APA Format:
The Department of Criminal Justice recognizes the value of excellence in writing for students in Criminal Justice. In part, each professor is expected to provide guidance on improving a student's writing skills. Students are required to use only the APA (American Psychological Association) format to write and develop a scholarly paper for submission in the Social Sciences. APA has been adopted by the Department as its writing standard for all academic written assignments. No other writing style is acceptable.

APA is the American Psychological Association, and the style is one of many in the academic world used to regulate the language, citations, procedure and formatting of manuscripts and other examples of writing in the social sciences. Please be consistent throughout each written paper. *Refer to APA Guide under Resources on the Course Menu for APA specifics.* An on-line reference for APA can be accessed at the following website:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
For each scholarly paper and group assignment(s), the work will be assessed using an individual grading rubric for each assignment. This tool and process helps the students identify and Professor measure the key points necessary to successfully complete written or group assignments. *Wikipedia is not an appropriate source for any scholarly writing and should not be used for any assignments in this course.*

Module 1   Introduction to the National Incident Management System

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Discuss the application of NIMS and ICS approaches to responding to a terror attack.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Post Introduction to the class	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Begin Considering your research paper topic	

Module 2   Incident Command Operations and Planning

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Discuss NIMS' core set of doctrines, concepts, principles, and organizational processes.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Research paper topic	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 3   Logistics and Finance/Administration

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Discuss how NIMS logistics concepts and principles can assist and promote response planning amongst different groups.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 4   Intelligence Function and Multiagency Coordination

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Explain how the synchronization of efforts of federal, state, and local agencies is vital to the national effort against terrorism.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 5   Preparedness

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Explain how NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable federal, state, and local governments, and private-sector and nongovernmental organizations to work together to effectively prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 6   Managing Resources

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Explain how NIMS facilitates building upon existing incident management and emergency response systems.
- Compose a 2500-word, APA style and formatted research paper on a topic related to local response to terrorism.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Research paper	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 7   The National Response

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Explain in considerable detail how NIMS is linked to the National Response Framework.
- Successfully complete a 10-question quiz covering concepts introduced in the module.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Quiz	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

Module 8   Implementing the National Incident Management System

Outcomes: After completing this module the student will be able to:
- Explain in detail the value and importance of the IMSI relative to the continued viability of the NIMS concepts and principles.
- Successfully complete a five-question essay exam covering concepts introduced in the course.

Assignments:

Assignment	Due No Later Than
Read the assigned materials	
Explore Assigned websites	
Post Initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post Responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete Final exam	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT