

**ENF212 Concepts of Terrorism
(3 credit hours)
Syllabus**

Course Description

This course provides an introduction into the theories explaining terrorist behavior. It will examine the question of what constitutes terrorism, terrorist groups, and what economic, social, religious and other issues lead to the conduct of groups like al Qaeda. Additionally, students will be required to think critically about how terrorist groups form, what makes them disband, and how knowledge is transferred among groups and group-members. Further, it will cover the history and development of both the term “terrorism” and the development of modern terrorism in practice.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

By the end of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

1. Identify the widely-cited characteristics that all terrorist groups have and be able to apply these characteristics to perpetrators of different events to understand whether or not they are terrorism.
 2. Demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate research about terrorism.
 3. Demonstrate understanding of how terrorist groups form, general characteristics that terrorist groups have, and differentiate these groups from other types of para-military entities.
 4. Evaluate theories of terrorism.
 5. Apply the material learned in class to events going on currently.
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Course Topics

Development of the term “terrorism” and current definitional issues
History of terrorist acts and milestones
Theories that explain terrorist development
Terrorism research
Suicide Bombing
Modern Terrorism
Terrorism and the Media

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Required Textbook(s) and Resources

These are the materials you will need to purchase for the course:

Martin, G. (2016). Understanding terrorism: Challenges, perspectives, and issues. Sage. ISBN: 9781483378985

Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements. Where applicable, Tiffin University has obtained permission to use copyrighted material.

Additionally, you will need a library barcode to conduct research through the University library and access any library resources provided in the course. If you do not already have a barcode, please request one by clicking on the following link:

- Link (online form): [Barcode Request Form](#)

Minimum Student Technology Requirements

In order to have a quality learning experience in your online courses, the University requires that your primary computer (the computer used to access course materials and on which you will be required to install course-specific software) meets or exceeds certain specifications. Click on the following link to view the specifications:

- Link (website): [PC Recommendations](#)

Time Management

Time management is an important part of academic success. Please refer to the approximate (average) times noted below for readings and assignments to help plan your time accordingly.

Course Content

Please refer to individual activities for assessment guidelines.

WEEK 1			
Course Topics	First Impressions of Terrorism Defining Terrorism		
Read/Review			Approx. Time
Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 1, 2 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.		2.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due	Approx. Time
Introductory Discussion: Initial Post	CLO(s): n/a	Monday	0.75 hrs.
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 1, 5	Wednesday	2.50 hrs.
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 1, 5	Wednesday	2.50 hrs.
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday	2.00 hrs.
Assignment 1: Essay	CLO(s): 1, 5	Sunday	7.75 hrs.
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 1, 5	Sunday	1.00 hrs.
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)			18.75 hrs.
WEEK 2			
Course Topics	The Causes of Terrorism Terrorism by the State		
Read/Review			Approx.

Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 3, 4 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	Time 3.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 3, 4	Wednesday
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 3, 4	Wednesday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 1: Essay	CLO(s): 2, 3, 4	Sunday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 2, 3, 4	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		19.50 hrs.

WEEK 3		
Course Topics	Terrorism by Dissidents Religious Terrorism Terrorism from the Left & Right	
Read/Review		Approx. Time
Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 5, 6, 7 Presentation 1, 2, 3 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	3.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 1, 2, 5	Wednesday
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 1, 2, 5	Wednesday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 1: Essay	CLO(s): 1, 2, 5	Sunday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 1, 2, 5	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		19.75 hrs.

WEEK 4		
Course Topics	International Terrorism Emerging Terrorist Environments: Gender-Selective Political Violence & Criminal Dissident Terrorism	
Read/Review		Approx. Time
Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 8, 9 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	3.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 3	Wednesday
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 3	Wednesday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 1: Essay	CLO(s): 2, 3	Sunday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 2, 3	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		19.25 hrs.

WEEK 5		
Course Topics	Tactics and Targets of Terrorism Terrorist Violence and the Role of the Media	
Read/Review		Approx. Time

Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 10, 11 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	2.50 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 4, 5	Wednesday
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 4, 5	Wednesday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 1: Essay	CLO(s): 4, 5	Sunday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 4, 5	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		18.35 hrs.

WEEK 6		
Course Topics	Terrorism in the United States Counterterrorism	
Read/Review		Approx. Time
Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 12, 13 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	3.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion 1: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 4, 5	Wednesday
Discussion 2: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 4, 5	Wednesday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 1: Presentation	CLO(s): 2, 4, 5	Sunday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 2, 4, 5	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		19.50 hrs.

WEEK 7		
Course Topics	A New Era of Homeland Security The Future of Terrorism	
Read/Review		Approx. Time
Textbook, Lectures, and Other Resources	Textbook: Chapter 14, 15 Presentation 1, 2 Some lectures/activities may contain additional resources. See individual lectures/activities for those requirements.	2.00 hrs. 0.25 hrs.
Activity Type	Course Learning Outcomes	Due
Discussion: Initial Post	CLO(s): 2, 5	Wednesday
Assignment 1: Final Paper	CLO(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Thursday
All Discussions: Secondary Posts	CLO(s): as noted	Saturday
Assignment 2: Quiz	CLO(s): 2, 5	Sunday
Approximate Weekly Time on Task (includes resources and activities)		26.25 hrs.

Approximate Time on Task for Entire Course	144.85 hrs.
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Grading Structure

Activity	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Total
Introductory Discussion	n/a							0
Discussion 1	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	140
Discussion 2	20	20	20	20	20	20		120
Assignment 1	50	50	50	50	50	50	160	460

Quiz	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	280
Total	130	130	130	130	130	130	220	1000

Activity Categories	Percentage of Total Points
Discussions	26%
Assignments	30%
Quizzes	28%
Course Project	16%
Total	100%

Grading Scale	
Grade	Percentage
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	<60%

Please see the Academic Bulletin for grade appeal information.

FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects student information. Other than directory information, such as name, address, phone number, etc., students must give consent for individuals to gain access to a student's educational record, including grades, transcripts, and behavior reports (unless the student is under the age of 18). Students also have the right to review their educational records. For a more detailed explanation, please see the Student Handbook.

Office for Student Accessibility Services

Please refer to your Moodle Home page for Office for Student Accessibility Services contact information to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

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Moodle and Non-Moodle Technical Support

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