

# AJ 133 Terrorism

Fall 2003 Term.

---Course Coverage--- This class covers a variety of topics on Terrorism, related to Terrorism and techniques employed in thwarting Terrorism. The variety of uses of Terrorism, from state sponsored, state implemented to community upon community, is a vast range. Attempts will be made to address all aspects in theory and through in-depth case examples.

Students of Terrorism need to know a variety of things. To understand weapons of mass destructions, for instance, requires some knowledge of nuclear physics. To protect a society in its transportation, such as aviation, some knowledge of the airline industry, airports and general aviation are needed. The list could go on.

The course will attempt to provide the student with adequate knowledge and skills for informed, engaged assessment of terrorism theory and practice.

**Classroom** MH 520. Class Code Number is 60869. Time 1030-1145 on TTh.

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**TEXTBOOK:** There really is no “good” textbook – that is, a one source for all things about Terrorism. Terrorism is too diverse a topic. Also, academia often ignores

The videos are commercially available. Both videos employed serve a purpose of showing two forms of political points of view. One examines the current (1998) situation in Algeria, a condition that continues to the present day. It is produced with the point of portraying the anti-fundamentalist Islamic movement in a negative light. The other is a classic propaganda function of the movie industry, in this case anti-colonialism and anti-capitalism. The movie, obviously leftist and at that time pro-Islamic, won an academy award for best foreign film. Times do change.

Missed class and you want to borrow them? Purge that thought from your mind.

## Safety Issues Described.

### Schedule:

August 21 Academic Year Begins

August 26 First Class Meeting. This important session covers the introduction of the course and the instructor, class requirements as to papers, examinations and practical and other relevant material.

August 28 Introduction to Terrorism.

September 2 Weapons of Mass Destruction

September 4 Bombing (General)

September 9 Assassinations.

September 11 Airport Security.

September 12 Last Day to Drop a Class without an Entry on Record

September 16 Aircraft Bombing.

September 18 Aircraft Hijacking

September 19 Last Day to Add Class and Register Late

September 23 Passports and Fraudulent Travel Documents.

September 25 State Operation of Terror – Stalin's Purges and Mao's Cultural Revolution

September 30 Commerce as Target

October 2 Europe's Left and Terror

December 22 Grades Submitted