

JS133 Terrorism

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Tuesdays and Thursdays, **9:00am**, Room MH 523

Course Description:

This course covers the history of domestic and international terrorism, the current issues and threats, the transnational actors, and government responses. Special attention will be paid to the responsibilities of the US federal and local justice agencies vis-à-vis combating terrorism, including the current developments in response to the 9/11 Commission and other committees.

Required Text:

America Confronts Terrorism: Understanding the Danger and How To Think About It, edited by John Prados, published by Ivan R. Dee Publishing, 2002.

Course Format:

The primary mode of delivery of this course is lecture. Students should augment their lecture notes with outside sources, as indicated in lectures and in the text. There will be two written exams during the semester, and a final exam. There will also be a required research paper on a topic relevant to terrorism. Oral reports to the class will be assigned to students, and will be graded.

Class Participation, Examinations and Grading:

Students are responsible for keeping up with the assigned reading, and being prepared to discuss it in class. Students will be divided into teams to research and report orally to the class on current events or special interest topics that are relevant to terrorism. The instructor will assign brief (ten minutes in length) oral reports to teams on Tuesdays, one team at a time. Each team will have at least two weeks to prepare. All team members must participate to receive credit.

Examinations will cover material from the lectures, the assigned readings, and from the oral reports. In addition to the text readings, individual articles of special interest may be chosen from time to time for reading assignments.

The student's grade will be determined by the results of three exams, one paper, and class participation (oral reports), as follows:

1 st mid-term exam	20%
2 ^d mid-term exam	20%
term paper	25%

class participation	05%
final exam	30%

Research Paper

The paper will be a threat assessment on one of the terror groups listed on the State Department's List of Terrorist Organizations. Students will be assigned to a group by the instructor to research and evaluate a topic or event. A draft or detailed outline of the term paper must be submitted on the date indicated. The draft will not be graded, but failure to submit a draft will result in a 5-point deduction from the term paper grade. The draft may be submitted via email, but the final paper must be submitted in hard copy, 5 – 8 pages in length (not including any cover page, source pages or appendices), using APA style in the citation of sources, 12-point font, and one-inch margins. (*For APA style, see, for example, <www2.sjsu.edu/orgs/pkp/resources.htm>. Then click on "APA Citation Style – Cornell University".*)

The research paper will be due Nov. 23, and failure to meet the deadline will result in a deduction of 10 points for every *class day* it is late. Late papers may be submitted via email only after Dec. 9, and they must arrive in a Word attachment. (I am using a Mac PowerBook, G-4, using OS X, so I should be able to read most attachments. However, graphics and formatting are often corrupted via email.) ***Papers submitted after Dec. 14 will not be accepted.***

Extra Credit Work

After the second mid-term exam, extra credit work will be accepted, with a maximum of 30 points going to augment one of the two mid-term exam grades, whichever is lower. The work will be selected and assigned by the instructor. Extra credit points will, after being added to the lower of the two mid-term grades, allow for raising the course grade no more than one letter grade. For example, if a student has earned a C at the end of all course work, but extra credit points added to one mid-term exam would make the overall grade an A, the final course grade will be B.

Missed exams

Missing an exam is a serious matter. Taking an exam after others have taken it may give one an undue advantage. If a student misses an exam, a make-up exam will be afforded. There will be a five-point deduction from the exam grade, unless the student has a medical doctor's note explaining the absence on the scheduled exam day, or documentation of the student's participation in a University-sponsored activity previously scheduled in conflict with the exam date.

Failure to complete any of the three exams or the paper will result in a score of "0" for that assignment, or an "I" for the course, at the instructor's discretion (depending upon the circumstances). Extra credit points cannot be used in lieu of one of the required four responsibilities (three exams, one paper).

In accordance with University policy, any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a score of "0" for that exam or paper, and, at minimum, will be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs with appropriate recommendations for disciplinary action.

Order of topics, reading assignments* and exam/paper due dates:

- Introduction to the international terrorism problem. (reading: *Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism*, pp. 40-56)
- Significant historical events shaping contemporary problems.
- Terrorism and US Foreign Policy; State Dept. List of Terror Organizations (readings: "Terrorism, the Future, and US Foreign Policy, R. Perl, (2001), pp. 144-160; online: 9/11 Commission Staff Statement No. 5, "Diplomacy"; 9/11 Commission Staff Statement No. 8, "National Policy Coordination".)

September 21:	Review for First Mid-term Exam
September 23:	First Mid-term Exam

- The nature of terrorism and the role of the mass media. (reading: online article: C. Kehler, et al, "Perspectives on Media Control in Terrorist-Related Incidents", *Canadian Police College Journal*, 6 (1982) pp. 226-258.)
- The Palestine Question (readings online: UN resolutions on Palestine, 1948 to present)
- Al Qaeda (readings: four articles re Osama bin Laden, pp. 161-178)

October 19:	Research Paper outline or draft due
October 26:	Review for Second Mid-term Exam
October 28:	Second Mid-term Exam

- Foreign terrorism vs. the US (readings: Part VI, "The Record of the 1990s", Khobar Towers, pp. 273-314)
- Terror methodologies: Hostage Taking, Bombings, Suicide Bombings, Airliner Hijacking; Tactics, Responses, Case Studies (reading: re USS Cole, pp. 341-365)
- Domestic terrorism and role of the FBI (readings: two articles: pp. 315-340; online: 9/11 Commission Staff Statement No. 9, "Law Enforcement, Counterterrorism and Intelligence Collection in the United States Prior to 9/11".)

November 23: Research Paper due
December 17: Final Exam at 7:15am

* Reading assignments, unless designated as "online", are in [America Confronts Terrorism](#).