

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

AJS 191 TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An in-depth examination of the history and psychology of terrorism and the tactics and technology used by terrorists groups. Examines the nature of terrorism threat and countermeasures to combat terrorism.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Introduce the students to the history, psychology and present day reality of terrorism.
- 1.2 Explore the definitions and typologies of individual terrorists, group profiles, tactics and methods, and weapons utilized.
- 1.3 Recognize countermeasures available to combat terrorism.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 relate terrorism as a political weapon, as developed in the 20th - 21st Century.
- 2.2 describe the tactics and methods terrorists use and what motivates them to strike at society.
- 2.3 explain the "typical" terrorist in both physical and psychological terms.
- 2.4 identify the types of groups active in the U.S. and globally and the ideology, leadership, strength, activities, international linkage, and future prospects of each group.
- 2.5 identify the cause for terrorism as related to religious and political ideas.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

The specific methods of instruction will vary, but will be designed to meet the course's stated competencies.

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Students will take part in classroom discussions on issues of the course
- 4.2 Students will write a comparison essay on specific issues within the course
- 4.3 Students will research a specific topic as assigned by the instructor and write a research paper on that topic

5. EVALUATIONS

- 5.1 Grade will be earned by an assortment of learning activities, exams, assignments, and participation.
- 5.2 Please see the class schedule and assignment sheet for more information.

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student

does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.

- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid. For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course