

# CRJ 440 – Terrorism and Antiterrorism

## Course Description

This course exposes the student to the various forms of terrorism. Explanations of terrorism from a theoretical and sociological perspective are reviewed as causal effects of past, current, and new forms of terrorist behavior. Operational responses to terrorism are discussed, with special emphasis on the role of homeland security.

## Instructional Materials

White, J. (2014). *Terrorism and Homeland Security* (8th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth-Cengage Learning.

## Course Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the definitions of terrorism and the criminological and sociological explanations for terrorist behavior.
2. Interpret the operational functioning of terrorist groups.
3. Compare and contrast the ethical dimension and biases that media afford in reporting terrorism.
4. Describe the history and development of the major terrorist groups in the world.
5. Describe policy and tactical approaches in mitigating terrorism activities and their networks in a connected world.
6. Analyze current terrorist threats and the role of terrorist networks.
7. Identify the role of the Department of Homeland Security and its role in responding to terrorist activity.
8. Describe the role of law enforcement and constitutional issues in a homeland security context.
9. Use technology and information resources to research issues in terrorism and antiterrorism.
10. Write clearly and concisely about terrorism and antiterrorism using proper writing mechanics and APA style conventions.