



CRIM-435 THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TERRORISM

COURSE CODE CRIM 435	COURSE TITLE THE PSYCHOLOGY OF TERRORISM	ECTS CREDITS 6
DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SCIENCES	SEMESTER FALL / SPRING	PREREQUISITES
TYPE OF COURSE CORE / ELECTIVE	FIELD PSYCHOLOGY	LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION ENGLISH
LEVEL OF COURSE UNDERGRADUATE	YEAR OF STUDY 4 th	LECTURER (S) TBA
MODE OF DELIVERY FACE TO FACE	WORK PLACEMENT N/A	CO-REQUISITES NONE

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

This course examines terrorism and responses to terrorism from an applied psychological perspective. Emphasis is on identifying these common features both within and across terrorist organizations, and on the understanding of the motives, objectives, and methods used by terrorists to achieve their goals. The main aim of the course is to develop an ability to describe and use the fundamental attributes of terrorist psychology, and to educate students on the examination, analysis, comprehension and evaluation of the behavior of terrorists. It also provides the intellectual foundation for further study in the field of terrorism.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Describe and discuss the factors affecting a person's choice of violence to support political ideals
2. Be aware of the differences between terrorism as a defense and terrorism as a violent choice
3. Identify terrorist' tactics, methods, and targets along with strategies of appropriate prevention, detection, and response
4. Recognize the effect that group thinking has on individual members
5. Identify the most serious contemporary terrorist threats
6. Explore the psychological processes that create a terrorist
7. Examine the psychological impact of terrorist activities
8. Explore counter-terrorism strategies through creative problem-solving
9. Differentiate between types of terrorism, such as religious and criminal terrorism
10. Appreciate the need for further understanding of terrorist events

COURSE CONTENTS

1. Introduction to Psychology of Terrorism
2. Motivations. Social / Cultural / Psychological Factors in Terrorism
3. Political Ideologies
4. Religious Ideologies
5. Suicide Terrorism
6. Recruitment and Training
7. Media and Terrorism
8. Group Think and Group Psychology
9. Profiling Terrorists
10. Organized and Transnational Terrorism
11. Interrogation Practices of Terrorism Suspects
12. Counter Terrorism Practices
13. Changes and Future Directions
14. Case Studies Analyses
15. Women in Terrorism

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND TEACHING METHODS

Interactive Lectures, Discussions, Case Study Analysis

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Practical Assignments, Mid-Term, Final Exam

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / READINGS

Συγγραφέας	Τίτλος	Εκδόσεις	Χρονολογία	ISBN
Bongar, B. et al.	The Psychology of Terrorism	Oxford University Press	2006	ISBN: 978-0195172492