

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: IR 535	Course Title: Terrorism in World Politics
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description: Concept of terrorism and its historical evolution. Causes of terrorism. Analysis of different terrorist groups. Strategies to fight against terrorism.	Textbook / Required Material : Reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 7 ECTS	
Extended Description: This course discusses the historical evolution of the concept of terrorism, its various causes, types, as well as several strategies to struggle with terrorism. Throughout the semester, we are going to focus on a number of important issues in the literature on terrorism, such as the changing definitions of terrorism, ethnic, ideological, and religious terrorism, debate about the new versus old terrorism, and the various counterterrorism strategies.	
Design content: None	Computer usage: Required for assignments
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire a very good understanding of the meaning, causes, and types of terrorism. • Examine the major theoretical debates surrounding the concept of terrorism. • Possess knowledge about the counterterrorism strategies that states have used in different parts of the world. • Approach to the theory and practice of counterterrorism analytically and critically. 	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	Changing definitions of terrorism
3	Causes of terrorism
4	Causes of terrorism
5	Ethnic and nationalist terrorism
6	Case study
7	Ideological terrorism
8	Case study
9	Religious terrorism
10	Case study

11	Counterterrorism
12	Counterterrorism
13	Paper discussions
14	Paper discussions

Assessment methods:

Class participation: 10%

Review Essays: 40%

Research paper: 50%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
MIR1	Possess in-depth knowledge about the fundamental concepts and theories of the discipline of International Relations					X
MIR2	Be aware of the theoretical approaches related to the issues of the system, nation-state, institutions, culture, and power in world politics					X
MIR3	Follow closely the contemporary world conjuncture					X
MIR4	Be able to question the well-established knowledge and causal relationships in the field of International Relations					X
MIR5	Be aware of the shortcomings and gaps in the International Relations literature and be able to carry out research that addresses these gaps and shortcomings					X
MIR6	Comprehend various scientific research methods and be able to use these methods effectively					X
MIR7	Be able to produce an original, scientific study in the field of International Relations					X
MIR8	Be able to think independently, creatively, and critically					X
MIR9	Embrace work ethics and behave accordingly					X
MIR10	Be open-minded towards new phenomena that emerge in world politics and the politics of states					X
MIR11	Have self confidence and acquire the ability to deliver presentations in public					X
MIR12	Be able to work together with individuals from different cultures, beliefs, and opinions			X		

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	70 hrs
Lectures	32 hrs
Class discussion	10 hrs
Review essays	15 hrs
Research paper	48 hrs

TOTAL 175 hrs (25x7) 7 ECTS

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