

Community College of Allegheny County

CREDIT COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE NUMBER: HLS 102

COURSE TITLE: Perspectives on Terrorism

CREDITS: 3

HOURS: Lecture: 3

Lab:

Clinical:

Studio:

Practicum:

PREREQUISITES: None

COREQUISITES: None

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an in-depth examination of the criminology of terrorism. The typologies of terrorism, tactics of terrorism, terrorism precursors profiles and basic organizational structures of terrorist groups will be explored. Historical and modern day terrorism throughout the world will also be investigated along with the study of religion and cultural conflict as they relate to terrorism.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Differentiate between diverse types of terrorism.
2. Discuss specific terrorist groups' agendas.
3. Describe the political, religious and cultural implications of terrorism.
4. Cite the historical backdrop for terrorism.
5. Identify the major security problems linked to terrorism.
6. Recognize U.S. vulnerability to technological, biological, chemical and nuclear terrorism.

LISTED TOPICS:

1. Criminology of terrorism
2. History of terrorism
3. Modern day terrorism
4. International terrorism and ethnic terrorism
5. Terrorism in the United States
6. Technological terrorism and weapons of mass destruction
7. Terrorism and the media & policy of the future on terrorism

REFERENCE, RESOURCE, OR LEARNING MATERIAL TO BE USED BY STUDENT:

Required Text(s): A contemporary text in the field.

Approved by the President on: Dr. Alex Johnson 05/19/10

Start Year/Term: Fall 2010