

Sr#	Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours	Status
	GPP 821	Politics of Terrorism	3.0	<i>Elective</i>

Learning Objectives

Terrorism is not a new phenomenon, but with the advent of a globalized, interconnected media, it is certainly a far more visible phenomenon. This course aims to familiarize students with the history and evolution of terrorism, and theories of terrorism. Students will analyze the most critical debates in the field of terrorism, including the debate on the definition of terrorism itself. The evolution of terrorist tactics, the psychology of why people join terrorist organizations, and the political roots of terrorism will be discussed, with reference to case studies like Colombia, Germany, Ireland, and South Africa. This course will also discuss the intellectual origins, arguments, and behavior of al-Qaeda and its affiliates, along with other terrorist organizations as case studies. Students will evaluate international and humanitarian law, both counterterrorism and CVE tactics, and policy solutions that have been presented so far. This course will also examine how terrorist organizations end, both historically and the implications their demise holds for how groups will end in the future.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- a. Identify the historical origins of terrorism
- b. Understand the theories of terrorism, terrorist groups, and how they end
- c. Analyze the evolution of terrorist tactics and why certain groups use certain tactics
- d. Evaluate the international response to terrorism through changes in international law and global politics
- e. Identify and critically assess specific policies that can be implemented to address terrorism

Course Content:

The Historical and Political Context of Terrorism; The Ethics, Motivations, and Causes of Terrorism; Categories of Terrorism using Case Studies; Technology, Media and Terrorism; Terrorist Tactics; The Intellectual Origins of al-Qaeda; How 9/11 Changed the World's Response to Terrorism; How Terrorism Ends: Capturing the Leader, Negotiation, Success, Failure, Repression; Challenges; The Future of

Terrorism

Text Books:

1. Audrey Kurth Cronin, *How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns* (Princeton University Press, 2009).
2. Audrey Kurth Cronin and James Ludes, eds., *Attacking Terrorism: Elements of a Grand Strategy*, (Washington D.C: Georgetown University Press, 2004)
3. Bruce Hoffman, *Inside Terrorism*, 2nd edition (Columbia University Press, 2006).
4. David J. Whittaker ed., *The Terrorism Reader*, 4th Edition, (New York: Routledge, 2012)
5. Khaled M. Abou El Fadl, *The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists*, (New York: Harper Collins, 2007)
6. Mary Habeck, *Knowing the Enemy: Jihadist Ideology and the War on Terror* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006)
7. Scott Shane, *Objective Troy: A Terrorist, A President and the Rise of the Drone* (New York: Tim Duggan Books, 2015)
8. *The 9/11 Commission Report* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2004)
9. William McCants, *The ISIS Apocalypse: The History, Strategy, and Doomsday Vision of the Islamic State* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2015)