

TERRORISM STUDIES MINOR

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Description

The discipline of terrorism is a fluid topic. Terrorism has existed for hundreds of years. Yet since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, terrorism has become the top priority of US national and homeland security including the Intelligence Community, the DOD, FBI, CIA, DHS, and State Department. Additionally, acts of terrorism have continued to challenge the national security interest of not only the United States, but of all her allies. To combat the threats of terrorism, much has been done, and continues to be addressed in the domestic and international arenas.

The United States has taken drastic measures to create new laws and enhance existing ones to attempt to ensure terrorist attacks don't reach the US. Other nations have experienced their own issues with terrorism, whether it is Russia's conflict with Chechen Rebels, Columbia's war with FARC, or the effects on Mid East and African countries at the hand of Al Qaeda, al Shabaab, or Boko Haram. The development of asymmetric tactics by terrorists and insurgencies worldwide affect governments, infrastructure, and world peace.

The terrorism studies minor is both multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary, which means that some courses will explore phenomena primarily through one disciplinary lens whereas others will weave together different disciplinary perspectives.

Requirements

The terrorism studies minor requires students to complete five courses (20 credits). All five courses applied to the terrorism studies minor must be completed with a minimum grade of C- and an overall GPA of 2.0. Students must take at least three 500-level or above courses to complete the minor. Transfer students may transfer up to two courses, subject to the approval of the Homeland Security program coordinator. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis may not be used for the minor. No more than eight credits to satisfy major requirements may be used in the minor.

Code	Title	Credits
Required courses		
HLS 505	Political Violence and Terrorism	4
HLS 555	Comparative Homeland Security Systems	4
HLS 650	Intelligence Systems and Structures in Homeland Security	4
Select two of the following:		8
GCHS 710	Conflict & Human Security	
GCHS 730	Good Governance & Human Security	
HLS 665	Bioterrorism, Biosecurity, and Biodefense	
HIST 600	Explorations ¹	
HUMA 730	Special Studies (Justice, Violence and Society)	
POLT 403	United States in World Affairs	
POLT 502	State and Local Government	
POLT 507	Politics of Crime and Justice	
POLT 548	Drug Wars	
POLT 765	Security Intelligence Study	
PS 500	Wicked Problems: Puzzles in Public Policy	
PS 507	Justice, Law and Politics	
Total Credits		20

¹ Explorations course title must be: *War and Political Violence in the Modern West* or *Justice, Violence, and Society*

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