University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #3

## New Course

**Effective Term:**

**Subject Area - Course Number:**  **POLISCI 265 Cross-listing:**

(See Note #1 below)

**Course Title:** (Limited to 65 characters)  Politics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism

**25-Character Abbreviation:** Terrorismcounterterrorism

**Sponsor(s):**  Paul G. Adogamhe

**Department(s):** Political Science

**College(s):**

# **Consultation took place**: NA Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:  Sociology

**Programs Affected:** **International Studies, Peace & Social Justice Studies**

**Is paperwork complete for those programs?** (Use "Form 2" for Catalog & Academic Report updates)

NA  Yes  will be at future meeting

**Prerequisites:** NONE UNREQUISITES: SOCIOLOGY 373

**Grade Basis:**  Conventional Letter  S/NC or Pass/Fail

**Course will be offered:**  Part of Load  Above Load

On Campus  Off Campus - Location

**College:**  **Dept/Area(s):** Political Science

**Instructor:** Paul G. Adogamhe

*Note: If the course is dual-listed, instructor must be a member of Grad Faculty.*

**Check if the Course is to Meet Any of the Following:**

Technological Literacy Requirement  Writing Requirement

Diversity  General Education Option:

Note: For the Gen Ed option, the proposal should address how this course relates to specific core courses, meets the goals of General Education in providing breadth, and incorporates scholarship in the appropriate field relating to women and gender.

**Credit/Contact Hours:** (per semester)

Total lab hours: 0 Total lecture hours: 48

Number of credits: 3 Total contact hours: 48

**Can course be taken more than once for credit? (Repeatability)**

No  Yes If "Yes", answer the following questions:

No of times in major: 0 No of credits in major: 0

No of times in degree: 0 No of credits in degree: 0

**Course justification:**

Terrorism continues to grab media headlines and it remains a serious problem for the international community. This proposed course is, therefore, aimed at introducing our students to the study of modern terrorism as a particularized form of political violence and to examine the challenges that governments and societies face when dealing with the new threat to international peace and security. It will help to provide answers to questions such as: What is meaning of terrorism? Can terrorism be studied like other crime phenomena? What types of actors are involved in terrorism? Is suicide terrorism an effective strategy to advance the political goals? What are the conceptual and methodological challenges when framing terrorism as crime or military conflict? What are the epistemological consequences of studying such a highly politicized topic like terrorism? Does religion play a unique role in the modern wave of global terrorism? What makes terrorist violence different from other forms of political violence such as guerrilla warfare and insurgency? For this purpose, in the first part of the course will be conducted to ascertain what criminologists and political scientists have contributed to the study of terrorism. In the second part a model of terrorism is elaborated that depicts the crucial parameters of this form of political violence and thereby bypasses some of the existing conceptual difficulties and misconceptions. The fact that terrorists are as indifferent to the various targets as they are to the various political consequences of their attack is what distinguishes terrorism from related phenomena of political violence. How should we respond? What should be the appropriate direction for US counterterrorist strategy? Must US security come at the expense of civil liberties? What role, if any, can the United Nations and other international institutions effectively play in fighting terrorism? For instance, can spread of democracy in the Arab and Muslim world help combat radical Islamic terrorism? Is political Islam compatible with democracy?

**Relationship to program assessment objectives:**

The proposed new course will facilitate the program assessment objectives: (1) it will acquaint students with historical evolution of domestic and international terrorism while introducing them to the major theoretical approaches to the study of terrorist behavior. It will apply these theories to analyze current trends and make predictions about future developments. (2). Students in the course will be exposed to a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to studying of political violence; and also address ethical question: whether and how political violence can ever be justified? (3) The course will help students to develop an understanding of **cognitive content and ability** to apply it in the areas of political violence. For example, what is the likelihood that the nightmare of nuclear terrorism will become a reality? (4) Through the various writing and research assignments, this proposed new course will provide the students an opportunity to conduct research and write original papers, thus promoting writing proficiency. (5) This course is consistent with the objectives of the International Studies Program and the university strategic plan of fostering global perspectives; it will also allow student to deepen their knowledge about various major terrorist groups around the globe.

**Budgetary impact: This is part of the instructor’s course rotation.** Departmental and library resources will be required to purchase instructional materials (e.g., books, films, DVD, etc.). The Department library budget will be able to cover the cost of these materials.

**General Education Component:**

The proposed course satisfies the philosophy and goals of the current General Education program in several areas: It complements the study of other political science courses such as: Issues and Crisis in American Politics: US in the Middle East as well as Core courses like the U.S. Experience in the World Context and Global Perspectives. The course readings are also designed to provide students with a context for understanding the historical and ideological origins of modern transnational terrorism and the attitudes of terrorist groups towards the West, modernity and global jihadist movement. It therefore enhances student knowledge in this area that supports the Gen Ed. goals of appreciating cultural and religious diversity both at home and abroad. The course readings also meet the goals of Gen. Ed. in providing the students with breadth, and critical thinking skills by incorporating recent scholarship on the use of political violence. In addition, the course also examines the challenging, political and philosophical issues of modern transnational terrorism and contemporary debates within the US and across global communities regarding the appropriate direction of public policy; for example, whether diplomatic or military strategies should serve as the foundation of counterterrorism policy. The topic of terrorism and the issues that surround it evokes much controversies, passion and emotion. Therefore, by isolating and engaging these important questions through open and rigorous debates, the course will compel students to wrestle with conflicting perspectives that defined the field, and hopefully contribute knowledge of and insights into one of the most enduring, complex and pressing security challenges of the post-9/11 era.

**Catalog Course description** (50 word limit)

The course examines the definitions, sources, patterns, and ideologies of modern terrorism. It then analyzes the objectives of various terrorist organizations as well as their operations, including strategies, tactics, weaponry, financing and state sponsorship. The course concludes by assessing the various counterterrorist measures, with special emphasis on U.S. counterterrorism policy.

**Course Title:** **Politics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism**

**Instructor’s name, office location, telephone number and office hours.**

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# **Course Description:**

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, brought home to Americans the extent and character of the new security threat confronting the United States in the aftermath of the Cold War. It has also created a new American resolve to effectively combat this new security threat. This course will therefore examine the definitions, sources, patterns, ideologies, strategies and tactics of modern terrorism. It will then analyze the objectives of various terrorist groups as well as how best to respond this new global security threat. Contemporary terrorism is a transnational phenomenon requiring a globalized response. Therefore, it will also critically assess the full range of counter-terrorist activities and patterns across them, from the use of intelligence and military force to law measures, finance control and diplomacy. The course will, however, pay particular emphasis on US counterterrorism policy and the implication for understanding the US foreign and security policies. Students will have opportunity through their research to study in depth the operation of one terrorist organization.

**Course objectives and tentative course syllabus:**

1. To increase our students’ collective understanding of this new security threats and to challenge them to develop a conceptual framework to evaluate our new security environment.
2. To challenge students to critically analyze the sources, patterns, issues and challenges involved in the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism.
3. To understand whether poverty and socio-economic underdevelopment are possible root causes of terrorism.
4. To understand whether and how terrorist violence can ever be justified.
5. To understand the role played by religion in the modern wave of global terrorism.
6. To help students understand how to evaluate strategies for combating the current wave of transnational modern terrorism.
7. To understand the consistencies in the perceptions of present threat and the ongoing challenges facing those who must address it in the new security environment.
8. To explain the full range of cooperative counter-terrorist activities and patterns across them, from the use of intelligence and military force to law measures, finance control and diplomacy.

**Required Text for the Course:**

Martin, Gus. 2011. *Essentials* *of Terrorism: Concepts and Controversies, 2nd Edition.* Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications Inc.

Esposito, John L. 2002. *Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam*. New York: Oxford University Press. (**Book for Critical Review**).

Gottlieb, Stuart (ed.) 2010. *Debating Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Conflicting Perspectives on Causes, Contexts and Responses.* Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

Some supplementary articles will be placed in the electronic reserves in Anderson library.

**Instructional Procedures:**

The course will be conducted through video, class discussion/debate/lecture format. If you have any difficulties with the readings, class lectures or tests, confer with the professor immediately.

**Class Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class discussions. To facilitate this, it is essential that all assigned readings be done prior to their discussion in class. More than two (2) classes missed without proper and adequate justification will be penalized by lowering you final grade.

**Requirements for the Course:**

The mid-term examination, a term paper of about 10 pages related to the course topic, a portfolio, reviewed articles; class attendance and participation constitute the basis for final grade. Students are required to critically review *Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam* by John L Esposito, in about 3-5 pages and is due on the **4th of Nov., 2012. Ideas for your term paper:** Either select a contemporary terrorist organization and analyze the history, pattern of organization, sources of finance, ideology, political objectives, strategies, and tactics of operation or do a comparative analysis of two or more terrorist organizations based on the above pattern. The term paper is due on the **12th of Dec, 2012.** You are also required to keep a portfolio of current terrorist events, which is due on **13th of Dec, 2012.** Grades are assigned according to following criteria:

**Evaluation for Course:**

Mid-Term Exam. 30%

Term Paper 30%

Review Articles 10%

Portfolio on current terrorist events 20%

Class Attendance and Participation 10%

Total 100%

**Grade Scale:**

A = 93 and above A- = 90-92

B+ = 87-89 B = 83-86 B- = 80-82

C+ = 77-79 C = 73-76 C- = 70-72

D+ = 67-69 D = 63-66 D- = 60-62

F = 59 and below.

**Accommodation*:***

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is dedicated to a safe, supportive and non-discriminatory learning environment. It is the responsibility of all undergraduate and graduate students to familiarize themselves with the University policies regarding Special Accommodations, Miscount, and Religious Beliefs Accommodation, Discrimination and Absence for University Sponsored Events. (For details please refer to the Undergraduate and Graduate Timetables; the Rights and Responsibilities section of the Undergraduate Bulletin; and the students’ Academic Disciplinary Procedures [UWS Chapter14]; and the student Nonacademic Disciplinary Procedures [UWS Chapter17]).

**Course Outline:**

Week 1. Introduction:

i). Administrative Matters.

ii).Why study terrorism and counter terrorism?

iii). Rethinking the US National Security after the events of 9/11?

**Part 1: Understanding Terrorism: Conceptual Review, Strategies** **and Tactics**

Week 2. Problem of Definitions: Terrorism vs. Guerrilla Warfare

**Readings**: Martin, Gus. Chapter, 1.

Gottlieb, Chapter, 1.

Week 3. Historical Perspectives and Ideological Origins of Terrorism

**Readings:**  Martin, Gus. Chapter, 2;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 2;

David C. Rapoport, “The Fourth Wave: September 11 in the History of Terrorism” *Current History, Vol. 100, No 650*, 2001;

Week 4. Causes of Terrorism/ Possible theories of Terrorism

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 3;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 3

Week 5. Terrorist Typology: State Terrorism vs. other types of Terrorism: Marxist Left & Right Terrorist Movements, Narco-Terrorism (FARC), etc

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapters, 4 & 5.

Week 6. Global Terrorism: Shining Path, Red Brigades, Neo-Nazi, the Irish Republican Army (IRA), etc

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 7; Gottlieb, Chapter, 6;

Audrey Kurth Cronin. Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism” *International Security*, vol.27, no. 3 (Winter 2002/03): 30-58

Week 7. The United States, Terrorism, and the New Global Order

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 7;

Vaughn P. Shannon “The Politics of the Middle East Peace process and the War on Terror” in Patrick Hayden et al, *America’s War on Terror;*

**Book Review Due on 4th Nov, 2012.**

Week 8. Religious Terrorism: Is there a “New Terrorism?”: Al Qaeda, Aum Shinrikyo, Sikh groups, etc

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 6; Esposito, John L. *Unholy War: Terror in the Name of Islam;* Mark Sedgwick, “Al-Qaeda and the Nature of Religious Terrorism” 2004; Matthew J. Morgan, ‘The Origin of the New Terrorism *Parameters,* Spring 2004;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 4.

Week 9. Terrorist Strategies and Tactics.

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapters, 10**;**

Gottlieb, Chapter, 6;

Bruce, Hoffman ‘The Changing Face of Al Qaeda and the Global War on Terrorism’ *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 2004;

Mark, Juergensmeyer. “Terror in the Name of God” in *Current History,* November 2001, pp. 357-361

Week 10 **Mid-Term Exam. Nov. 4th 2012.**

**Part II: Confronting Terrorism:** **Strategies and Tactics.**

Week 11. Counterterrorism: Strategies and Tactics.

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 11;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 7;

Barry R. Posen, “The Struggle against Terrorism: Grand Strategy, and Tactics,” *International Security*, Vol.26. No3. (Winter 2001/02), pp.39-55; Richard English. “21st Century Terrorism: How Should we respond?” *Political Insight,* April,2011, pp.76-78

Week 12. Counterterrorism and Democracy Promotion.

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 11;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 8;

Week 13. Counterterrorism and the International Cooperation

**Readings:** Gottlieb, Chapter, 9;

Week 14. Future Trends and Predictions

**Readings:** Martin, Gus. Chapter, 12;

Gottlieb, Chapter, 10.

Week15. **Final Examination: On the scheduled day during the exam week**

**Bibliography:** (Key or essential references only. Normally the bibliography should be no more than one or two pages in length.)

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