

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Department of Disaster Science and Emergency Services  
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program

Course Title: Introduction to Terrorism  
Course Number: ( 0 + 6:360  
Course Credits: 3 credit hours  
Prerequisites: 2235:305 Principles of Emergency Mgmt

Course Description: Examines terrorism from historical, international, transnational, and domestic perspectives. Includes political terrorism and terrorism in the name of religion, along with emergency management considerations.

Program Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:  
understanding of their motives;

- 4) , G H Q W L I \ W K H P H D Q L Q J R explain how and why non-state actors commit terrorist acts against governments and social systems;
- 5) Explain how and why non-state actors commit terrorist acts against governments and social systems;
- 6) Provide examples of how terrorists have used weapons of mass destruction (WMD) to further their goals and the possibilities for their use in the future;
- 7) Identify key U.S. counterterrorism policies and practices, and demonstrate an understanding of the possible legal and moral dilemmas associated with them; and
- 8) Identify and discuss the future implications of terrorism for the United States and for emergency managers.

Course Outline:

Part I: Critical Foundations for the Study of Terrorism: Background, History, and Definitions

Week 1: What is Terrorism?

Week 2: How do you define terrorism?

Week 3: What is the history of terrorism?

Week 4: \$ U H Z H V H H L Q J W K H D G Y H Q W R I D <sup>3</sup> Q H Z ' W H U U R U L V P "

## Part II: Identifying the Terrorists, their Activities, and their Motivations

Week 5: What is state-sponsored terrorism?

Week 6: What is dissident terrorism?

Week 7: What is religion-inspired terrorism and how is it rationalized?

Week 8: What is the criminal and political terrorism nexus?

## Part III: The Terrorist Trade: Financing of Terror, Cyber-terrorism, and WMD

Week 9: How do terrorists finance their activities?

Week 10: How

**Assessment:**

The University of Akron and specifically the Emergency Management and Homeland Security program assesses student learning at several levels. The goal of these assessment activities is