A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice or instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: None

This course explores the emergence and manifestation of terror and terrorism from a range of historical, political, sociological and cultural perspectives. It further explores the interpretation of, and response to, contemporary manifestations of terror and terrorism. Emphasizing the diverse and contested nature of terror as both concept and practice, a number of case studies are highlighted in order to explore the complex connections between order, power, authority, security and terror. The organizational form and objectives of terrorist organizations, and the range of strategies available in response to the demands and challenges posed by terror in an era of globalization are also considered.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Understand the idea of terror as a concept and challenge common myths associated with contemporary terrorism;
2. Conceptualize preventive measures for overcoming various forms of terrorism, including counter-terrorism, diplomacy, education, and non-violence on the local, state, and federal level;
3. Identify domestic and global terrorist networks and groups;
4. Analyze the operational/operative philosophy of the terrorist in respect to their mindset, worldview, social rules, norms, expectations and motivations;
5. Examine the historical background and theoretical explanations of terrorism;
6. Assess terrorist tactics, target selection, and best practices in detection of those tactics;
7. Examine economic, political, legal, and law enforcement implications and consequences of terrorism;
8. Understand the capabilities, functions, and activities of the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies responsible for responding to terrorism;
9. Know the role of state and local governments in Homeland Security operations and terrorism countermeasures;
10. Understand the intelligence collection process;

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None