

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## **POL 266: International Terrorism**

### **A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is devoted to understanding the historical roots of modern terrorism and insurgency and to examining the tactics, structures, and targets of international terrorism. It also examines various aspects of counter-terrorism, further trends and prospects, and the role of the media.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 11/05/2003 - Present

### **C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

1. The concept and definitions of terrorism--typologies, difficulty of classification.
2. Causes, Logic, and Scope of International Terrorism.
3. Theories and history of international terrorism.
4. Judaism, Christianity, and Islam on terrorism--religious motivation for violence.
5. Motives, Tactics, Strategies, Targets, and Weapons of international terrorists.
6. Profile of a terrorist.
7. Training of terrorists.
8. Financing of international terrorist organizations.
9. Counter-terrorism: global and national efforts.
10. The U.S. Patriot Act and Department of Homeland Security.

### **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. Students will understand the historical roots of modern terrorism and insurgency efforts.
2. Students will examine the psychological and philosophical roots of the modern terrorist and terrorist groups.
3. Students will understand the role of strategic intelligence in combating terrorism.
4. Students will examine the U.S. role in counter terrorism efforts, both in terms of homeland security and as a participant in international compacts and agreements.

### **E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

None

### **F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

### **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted