

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-669 Causes and Responses to Terrorism in the New Millennium

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL -669	Causes and Responses to Terrorism in the New Millennium	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Defining Terrorism, Psychological Theories of Terrorism, Defining States Involvement in Terrorism, The global impact of International Terrorism after September 11, Suicide terrorist attacks, Terrorist Organizations.

Instructor

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Course Aims and Objectives

The course explores the relationship between terrorism and the nature of the international political system and looks at why an international dimension is so central to terrorism. First, It examines the difficulties in the way of understanding the concept of terrorism in the light of the emotive force of the term and the attempts by academics to distinguish terrorism from other forms of violence. Also, it examines the different strands of political violence in the late 1960s and early 1970s that gave rise to modern usage of the term and the background to the legitimization of violence by small groups. Finally, it examines the stopping of terrorism by employing case studies to analyze factors that have influenced the ending or the extending of campaigns of violence.

Teaching Methods

Lectures, discussions, assigned readings, projects, & video films.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Spring semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

1 test: 20%

Final Exam: 50%
Final project: 30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

Adrian Guelke, *The Age of Terrorism and the International Political System*, St. Martin's Press, (1995). Alex P. Schmidt and Albert I. Jongman et al., *Political Terrorism* (SWIDOC, Amsterdam and Transaction Books, (1988).