

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 234

Credits: 3

Course Title: Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Course Description: Surveys the historical and current practices of terrorism that are national, transnational, or domestic in origin. Includes biological, chemical, nuclear, and cyber-terrorism. Teaches the identification and classification of terrorist organizations, violent political groups and issue-oriented militant movements. Examines investigative methods and procedures utilized in counter terrorist efforts domestically and internationally. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: This course is offered to provide students with a basic understanding of the components and vocabulary in the area of homeland security. This topic area has become a vast growing field within the area of criminal justice and is a vital piece to understanding the threats facing our nation. Current law enforcement personnel can use the information in this course for further training to assist their agencies and homeland security units. Students not yet employed in the field will gain a better understanding of what homeland security entails and what job opportunities are available to them upon graduation.

This course will be offered as an ADJ elective for the Administration of Justice AAS degree.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

None

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Outline the essential characteristics of national and international acts of terrorism;
- b. Construct a historical timeline reflecting significant terrorist threats and events in the United States and globally;
- c. Solve problems as an individual and in a coordinated team setting; and
- d. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved with homeland security.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. Characteristics of acts of terrorism
- b. Agencies responsible for homeland security
- c. Historical events that have impacted homeland security efforts
- d. State, national, and international laws impacting homeland security
- e. Critical threats confronting homeland security

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