

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science																										
2.	Title	Terrorism and CounterTerrorism																										
3.	Semester																											
4.	Code	BS -PS422																										
5.	Rating	03 Credit Hours																										
6.	Type	Optional Course																										
7.	Pre-requisites																											
8.	Introduction	Since the end of Cold War and especially after the events of 9/11 that shocked the world, the modern world has increasingly been described as the age of terrorism. Such assertions have sparked an interest in the study of terrorism specifically and political violence more generally. However, this interest and attention has sadly not translated into anything meaningful and substantive and terrorism remains as enigmatic as ever. Policy makers and academics alike have largely failed to understand the problem and address it adequately. This course will highlight these shortcomings and provide a way forward.																										
9.	Objectives	This course has been designed, first and foremost, to understand the phenomenon of terrorism. It will explore the reasons for the academic and political inability to arrive at a consensus over the meaning of terrorism. In addition to that, it will also provide a comprehensive historical and theoretical introduction to the problem of terrorism. It will engage with both mainstream and critical debates to appreciate both the complexity and depth of the problem.																										
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11.	Outcome	It is hoped that the course will allow the students to develop strong analytical and intellectual skills in relation to the problem of terrorism.
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	In order to discourage rote learning and to encourage critical thinking, there will be no set text for this course. There will however be a heavy reliance on the leading and well-established authors in the field of terrorism studies, such as Richard English, Martha Crenshaw, Paul Wilkinson, Bruce Hoffman, Walter Laqueur, Alex Schmid, Brian Jenkins, Grant Wardlaw, Andrew Silke, Louise Richardson, Ariel Merari, Richard Jackson, Virginia Held, Leonard Weinberg, Igor Primoratz, Anne Schwenkenbecher and CAJ Coady. The course will mostly utilize peer-reviewed journal articles and selected chapters from books in the field of political violence specifically and International Relations more generally. The students are additionally strongly encouraged to read as widely as possible to pursue their respective academic interests in the field of terrorism and political violence.

Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	