

**Missouri State University
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Fall 2016 intercession**

Course Title: Jihadist Terrorist Violence in America

Course Number: CRM 397 Special Topics in Criminology

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Course Meets: Online

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Course Description

Jihadist terrorism poses a threat to American society. Both international groups and American citizens living in America participate in jihadist violence against America and American citizens. Even though international groups such as Al Qaeda garner much of the attention, American citizens who perpetrate this type of violence against other American citizens have posed an increasing threat in recent years. While the threat of these types of attacks has risen in recent years, adherents to this type of ideology have perpetrated attacks against Americans for many years. This course will explore the violent aspects of both the groups and individuals associated with this movement, and will provide the student with a more thorough understanding of who jihadist terrorist are, their ideology and why they participate in violence.

Course Materials: Assigned readings.

Grading

Exam	55%
Quizzes	45%
Total	100%

Grading scale

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59% or less

Quizzes

Students will complete an online quiz after each set of readings. These quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions. Each quiz will be worth 10 points and will account for 45% of the course grade. The quizzes will be located in Blackboard with the other daily materials.

Exams

There will be one exam on August 5th. It will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions and will be administered through Blackboard. It will cover reading materials and other class materials (Powerpoints etc.). This exam will account for 55% of the final grade. Make up exams will only be allowed with instructor approval for documented medical reasons or emergencies. Documentation will be required. Make-up exams will be in essay format.

Course Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings</i>
August 1	International Jihadist Threat	Bergen et al. (2011)
August 2	Homegrown Jihadi Terrorism	Vidino (2009)
August 3	Homegrown Jihadi Terrorism cont'd	Brooks (2011)
August 4	Lone Wolf Terrorism	Spaaij (2010)
August 5	Exam	

Assigned Readings

August 1

Bergen, P, Hoffman, B., & Tiedemann, K. (2011). Assessing the jihadist terrorist threat to America and American interests. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 34(2), 65-101.

August 2

Vidino, L. (2009). Homegrown jihadist terrorism in the United States: A new and occasional phenomenon? *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 32(1), 1-17.

August 3

Brooks R. A. (2011). Muslim “Homegrown” terrorism in the United States: How serious is the threat? *International Security*, 36(2), 7-47.

August 4

Spaaij, R. (2010). The enigma of lone wolf terrorism: An assessment. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 33(9), 854-870.

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