ADVANCED TOPICS IN TERRORISM

PAD 4375 AND PAD 5377 // CLASSROOM

Required Texts

- Readings will be located in the course library of BlackBoard (No book required!).

Course Pre-requisite

- Because this course builds upon common theories and concepts about the terrorist environment, the pre-requisite of "Introduction to Terrorism" from the Askew School of Public Administration, or other relevant courses from other departments, are necessary to be able to contribute meaningfully in this course. Ask the instructor if you have any questions.

Course Objectives

To review the contemporary evolution of terrorism and the current direction of global terrorism with regards to domestic policies and programs. Specifically students will be able to:

1. Evaluate various anti-terrorism policies and programs.
2. Evaluate different domestic anti-terrorism agencies, programs, and initiatives.
3. Evaluate different terrorist organizational strategies for logistics, recruitment, and ideological support.
4. Study and perform targeted research into various terrorist organizations and terrorism topics.
5. Understand and evaluate the various asymmetrical warfare methodologies and their purpose within violence oriented organization.
6. Understand and describe dark networks and the organizational theory used for terrorist organizations.

Course Structure

- This is intended to be an interactive and topically focused series of facilitated discussions on topics requiring research and effort on the part of the students.

Course Expectations

Additional readings on the weekly topics are encouraged. If you find related articles that are pertinent to the class, please bring them in to share with the class. The professor retains the right to assign additional readings during the course of the semester.

Grade	Top	Bottom	Spread
A	100	94	7
A-	93	90	4

Course grades will be calculated based on the following:

B+	89	86	4
B	85	82	4
B-	81	79	3
C+	78	76	3
C	75	72	4
C-	71	69	3
D+	68	66	3
D	65	63	3
D-	62	60	3
F	59	0	59

Undergraduates
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Response Paper 1	12%
Response Paper 2	12%
Articles	15%
Participation	9%
SPOTs	2%
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Total	100%

Graduates
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Research Paper	24%
Presentation	15%
Participation	9%
SPOTs	2%
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Total	100%

Graded Assignments

Response Paper(s)
Students will be presented with a number of prompts and will choose one to write on. Undergraduates will do two small reseach papers. Graduate students will write a single long research paper. Papers must fully answer the prompt and provide a thoughtful response.

Exams- 50%!!
Exams will be based on the following components:
- Student presentations
- Instructor presentations
- Readings
- Slides
- Class discussion

A study guide will be provided before each exam, and the final exam is NOT cumulative.

Current Event Article Breif (Undergraduates only)
2 times during the semester you will bring a printed article to class to brief. You will introduce it in short 2-3 minute brief and should be related to terrorism and global conflict. We encourage you to try and find a diversity of articles – not just the main headlines. In order not to have the last three weeks of the semester choked with article breifs you can not breif 2 weeks in a row.

SPOT Evaluations
The Student Perception of Teaching Evaluation forms for this class will be done online. All students need to do is complete it.