

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Advanced Terrorism Studies

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** CRI 2660

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will engage in an in-depth examination of key aspects of contemporary terrorism, including the emergence, evolution, and tactics of homegrown violent extremists and specific terrorist organization. Students will critically analyze and assess various government and non-government responses to terrorism, discussing assigned readings on these topics. Students will develop individual research topics and conduct semester-long research.

Prerequisite: CRI 2580.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe the nature of homegrown violent extremism in the United States and the West and the unique challenges in confronting the threat.
  2. Distinguish between different terrorist organizations and their respective motivations, tactics, strengths, and vulnerabilities.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Homegrown violent extremism (HVE): What it is and what it is not
  - Homegrown violent extremism in the United States and other western nations
  - HVE case studies
  - The respective roles of law enforcement, intelligence agencies, and communities in countering the threat.
  - Case studies of active terrorist groups
  - Lessons learned from previous terrorist attacks
  - Balancing security and freedom in the modern age of terrorism
  - Social media as a weapon and a tool in terrorism and counter-terrorism
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
    - Civility Statement (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/current-students/classroom-civility>)
    - Student Responsibility Statement (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/academics/student-responsibility>)
    - Academic Integrity (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/faculty-staff/academic-integrity>)
  - Disability/Special Services
    - Any student who requires accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability should make their needs known to the Coordinator of Accessibility Services, 716.338.1251.
  - Emergency Closing Procedures (<http://www.sunyjsc.edu/student-life/campus-safety/jcc-alert>)
  - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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  - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2019