

Austin Peay State University
Spring I & Spring A 2022

Course Overview

Course Title: Terrorism and the Law (CRJ 3030)
Time and Location: Web
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Required Text: Erik Luna and Wayne McCormack, Understanding
the Law of Terrorism, 2nd Edition, Charlottesville,
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (LexisNexis Group),
2015.

Course Details

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide students of criminal justice with an in-depth analysis of international and domestic law relating to terrorism and terrorist activities. The course examines constitutional issues relating to terrorist acts, terrorism prevention, and prosecution of terrorists. The course examines privacy laws, search and seizure issues, and criminal law and procedure as they relate to terrorism. Students will develop an

understanding of the substantive law of terrorism as applied by courts, law enforcement agencies, and other executive branch officials.

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the student to the fundamental concepts and procedures involving both U.S. and international law relating to terrorism
- To understand the development of international and domestic law of terrorism
- To understand the extraterritorial application of U.S. terrorism law
- To examine international criminal law and the international law of war as they apply to terrorism
- To analyze the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of terrorists
- To identify the constitutional limitations involved in prohibiting and prosecuting terrorism

General Education Goals:

In addition to the objectives listed above, the more general goals of this course are to provide the student with the tools with which to develop his or her own potential and abilities.

- This course will help to develop the student's analytical thinking capabilities by comparing and applying theories and concepts to American and international efforts to define, prevent, and punish acts of terrorism
- The student's literacy skills will be enhanced through assigned readings, weekly assignments, class discussions, and examinations
- The student's understanding of quantitative methods will be enhanced through gaining substantive knowledge of the tools and research techniques employed in the social sciences
- The student's understanding of the scientific method will be enhanced through the comparative analysis of substantive terrorism law doctrines over time in both international and domestic contexts
- By considering and examining the impact of laws, policies, government projects, programs, and expenditures on individuals and groups, the student should develop a better understanding of public policy and human behavior

- This course should be useful in increasing the student's awareness of the cultures and experiences of persons in our diverse society, as the application of government and not-for-profit administration impacts various groups differently in our society
- This course will prepare the student for more advanced studies in criminal justice, political science, and public administration

Course Rules and Policies

Student's Responsibilities:

It is very important that the student read the assigned materials, participate in class discussions, and complete the exams and weekly assignments on time.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to fully participate each week and to complete and submit the weekly assignments and exams on time. If a deadline must be missed, the student should seek prior permission from the instructor. At that point, arrangements may be made to submit the required work at a later time.

Academic and Classroom Misconduct:

Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Academic and classroom misconduct may result in disciplinary sanctions imposed by the University. Students are encouraged to read the APSU Student Code of Conduct.

Plagiarism and Cheating:

As students will be future leaders and practitioners in professional fields, cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Students found cheating or plagiarizing by the Dean of Students will receive a grade of F on the assignment for the first offense. A second offense will result in a grade of F in the course, in addition to any other sanctions that may be imposed by the University. It is a common occurrence for some students to download materials obtained from the internet without proper citations. The instructor utilizes software to check for plagiarism, so the likelihood of being caught is high.

Disability Services:

Austin Peay State University abides by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefit of an education “solely by reason of a handicap.” Disabilities covered by the law include, but are not limited to, learning disabilities, hearing, sight, or mobility impairments. If you have a documented disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you require accommodations, communicate with the instructor or with the Office of Disability Services in Morgan University Center 114 at 931-221-6320 or 931-221-6278 (V/TTY), so that such reasonable accommodations may be arranged.

Make-Up Examinations:

Students are expected to take both examinations when scheduled. Make-up examinations will be allowed only for legitimate reasons. Approved make-up examinations will be given at a time and place designated by the instructor outside of scheduled class periods. Make-up examinations taken after the scheduled examination time may be in the form of essay and short-answer questions. Students are also expected to submit all six weekly assignments via the dropbox on time. Late submissions will not be accepted without a legitimate reason unless previous arrangements were made with the instructor. The makeup midterm examination must be taken prior to March 9, 2022 or a grade of F will be assigned. Grades of I (Incomplete) will be assigned only if requested by the student in writing prior to March 9, 2022 and if the student has a passing grade (60% or higher) on the midterm examination and combined grades of 60% on the weekly assignments. A student with a failing grade on the midterm examination who does not take the final examination on or before March 9, 2022 will be assigned a grade of FA (Failure-Absence Related).

Assessments and Grading

Grading/Evaluation System:

Grades will be determined by two (2) examinations and six (6) weekly assignments. The two examinations will be worth 150 points each (300 points combined) and will be composed of multiple choice, true-false, and

short answer questions. The exams will cover only the material since the last examination. Therefore, the final examination will not be comprehensive. The two exams combined will be worth a total of 60% of the final grade. The six weekly assignments will be in the form of short answer questions (80% of the weekly assignment grade) and discussion questions and responses (worth 20% of the weekly assignment grade). Students must post one response and respond to at least one student posting in addition to completing each written question on the weekly assignment in order to receive full credit on each week's discussion and weekly assignment. The Weekly assignments and accompanying discussions will be worth a total of two hundred (200) points, or 40% of the final grade. Final grades for the course will be assigned as follows: A=100%-90%; B=89%-80%; C=79%-70%; D=69%-60%; and F=59% or below. The quality of participation in class discussions will be considered in determining the student's final course grade.

Course Outline and Assignments

Schedule of Lectures and Assignments:

Week 1

January 15-24 Introduction; Chapter 1: Global Terrorism and U.S. Law
Week 1 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday
01/24/22

Week 2

January 25-31 Chapter 2: Supporting Terrorism; Chapter 3: Terrorism Searches and Detention
Week 2 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday
01/31/22

Week 3

February 1-7 Chapter 4: Terrorism and Intelligence Surveillance
Week 3 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday
02/07/22

Week 4

February 8-14 Chapter 6: Government Secrets and Trial Procedures

MIDTERM EXAMINATION (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and Introduction)

The Midterm Examination must be completed by 11:59 PM Monday 02/14/22

Week 5

February 15-21 Chapter 7: Terrorism and War

Week 5 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday 02/21/22

Week 6

February 22-28 Chapter 5: Interrogation and Torture

Week 6 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday 02/28/22

Week 7

March 1-7 Chapter 8: Military Detention and Trial: Chapter 9: Targeted Killings

Week 7 Assignment Due (Dropbox) by 11:59 PM Monday 03/07/22

Week 8

March 8-9 **FINAL EXAMINATION** (Chapters 5, 7, 8, and 9)

The Final Examination must be completed by 11:59 PM WEDNESDAY 03/09/22