

****NEW 2013 ONLINE SUMMER COURSE****
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TERRORISM & COUNTER-TERRORISM

CNCM 620 / Summer 2013 / Web Course / 5 Week / 3 Credits

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides an introduction to current scholarship and research on terrorism and counterterrorism. Questions we will explore include: What is terrorism? Is it a meaningful term? How has it evolved and changed? What are its hypothesized causes and is there a “New Terrorism”? How do those who engage in this kind of violence organize, accumulate funds, amass support, and use the media? What is counterterrorism? And how do the strategies taken by terrorists and those who oppose them shape some outcomes rather than others? In other words, what are the dynamics of terrorism and counterterrorism? When does terrorism subside? When does it escalate? How can counterterrorist policies and strategies be modified, e.g. by using insights from conflict resolution and other fields (e.g. social movement and asymmetric war theory), to reduce or at least contain this problem?

Readings, research, reports, films, discussion and debate, case studies, and other online exercises will all be used to help students better understand the concept and origins of terrorism, explore similarities and differences in the way terrorists and counterterrorists organize and strategize, approach the problem of securing support, engage in conflict and, in some cases, resolve their conflicts.

COURSE FORMAT- 5 Week Intensive – ONLINE – Session 1

The course will be offered in an **ONLINE** format during Summer 2013 between **May 28 – July 1**.

*Note: This course is pre-approved for graduate students in the College of Public Affairs studying in the **Global Affairs and Human Security** program and the **Negotiations and Conflict Management** program. Students in allied fields of study should seek the permission of their respective program directors to be sure that the course will receive elective credit in their programs prior to enrolling.*