

## Liverpool John Moores University

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Title: Age of Terror 1850-1914  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ5      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 24  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 176

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20
Seminar	4

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Test	AS1	3 quizzes that test knowledge of lecture content and readings	30	
Report	AS2	8 Page (3000 words) case study report on terrorist campaign/event, police and public responses	70	

### Aims

*To develop knowledge of the phenomenon of international terrorism, and the police and intelligence responses to it, in the 19th century*

*To reflect on the societal, cultural and political consequences of terrorist attacks and counter-terrorist policing*  
*To build focused knowledge of a specific aspect of the 19th century "war on terror"*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify lecture, powerpoint and reading content covering important aspects of modern political and social history
- 2 Employ the ability to critically analyse secondary and primary sources
- 3 Demonstrate applied and transferable reading, writing and research skills

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Online Quizzes	1	2
Historical Report	2	3

## **Outline Syllabus**

*This module introduces students to the historical foundations of the "war on terror" concept, by outlining the history of nationalist, anarchist and nihilist terror campaigns from the 1850s to the early 20th century. In this module, students will be introduced to the philosophy behind the terrorists of the fin de siècle, their tactics and attacks, as well as to the police and intelligence responses to their campaigns, and the broader impacts on modern society and culture. This includes discussion of the geopolitical consequences of terrorism, and the diffusion of fear – of both internal enemies and external enemies – across the transatlantic world in the years leading up to the First World War. In covering these issues of terrorism, fears and the development of intelligence networks, this module will present students with topics that are both contemporary in their relevance and fascinating in their history.*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, Seminars

## **Notes**

Topics covered:

The Orsini Plot of 1858

The Russian Nihilists of the 1860s

Paris Commune and the international fallout

"Propaganda of the Deed" campaigns

International intelligence cooperation  
Political assassinations and their consequences  
The international anti-anarchist conference of 1898  
War scares and spy fevers of the 1860s-1914s