

Summary Information

Module Code	7136PS
Formal Module Title	Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	48

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
APR-MTP	MTP	April	12 Weeks
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks
SEP_NS-MTP	MTP	September (Non-standard start date)	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	The aims of this module are to explore the phenomena of terrorism, including the different historical definitions of terrorism, and the varying motivational factors for terrorist violence. Secondly, to provide an overview of the different theoretical approaches to terrorism studies. Thirdly, to provide an overview of the threat from 'New Terrorism' and the 'War on Terror'.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Analytically compare and contrast the ideologies, strategies and tactics of non-state terrorist movements.
MLO2	2	Critically define and appraise the key differences between state and non-state terrorism.
MLO3	3	Critically evaluate legitimacy of counter terrorism policies, strategies and operations.
MLO4	4	Critically evaluate the effectiveness of counter terrorism policies, strategies and operations.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitional, ideological and academic positioning when studying terrorism, political violence and counter-terrorism • The definition of state terrorism • How non-state terrorism begins, develops and ends. • Al-Qaeda terrorism • ISIS terrorism • Far right terrorism and political violence. • 'Radicalisation' or recruitment • Contemporary counter-terrorism policy and practice in the UK • The war on terror
Module Overview	
Additional Information	This module examines terrorism and political violence conducted by non state actors. It is equally concerned to analyse counter-terrorism and other responses by the state, the security services and the police. Although it has a prime focus on terrorism by non-state actors it explains the significance of state terror. The major focus is on terrorism organised, orchestrated or inspired by al-Qaeda and ISIS. Close attention is paid to the US led war on terror in all its many guises during the decade that followed the al-Qaeda terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon on 11 September 2001. Far right terrorism and political violence is analysed, so too many other movements engaged in terrorism and political violence. The module engages closely with key texts by leading scholars in terrorism studies, critical terrorism studies and pays special attention to criminological approaches to the subject.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Reflection	Essay	50	0	MLO2, MLO1
Report	Report	50	0	MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Peter Williams	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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