

**Criminology and Criminal Justice:
Human Causes and Consequences of Terrorism**

**CCJS 418N
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**Tuesday 3:30- 6:00 PM
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Course Description:

The five objectives of this course are to:

- (1) Review definitions of terrorism and recent efforts to measure and study terrorism.
- (2) Examine the major data sources and methods used to examine terrorism.
- (3) Provide details on the characteristics of world-wide terrorism and terrorist attacks in the United States and elsewhere, including trends, geo-spatial patterns, weapons, targets, and tactics.
- (4) Study the major theories of radicalization, terrorism, and political violence from a criminological perspective. We will explore why terrorism occurs in certain locations as opposed to other areas (incident-level); who becomes a terrorist and why (perpetrator-level); as well as why some groups/movements employ terrorist tactics, while others do not (organizational-level). We will also examine the life course of terrorists and terrorist organizations and responses to terrorism.
- (5) Provide an introduction to research on countering terrorism and violent extremism.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this semester students will demonstrate knowledge of (1) the challenge of defining and measuring terrorism; (2) key theories of the etiology of terrorism; (3) fundamental characteristics of terrorism including trends, spatial distribution, tactics,

targets and weapons; and (4) basic knowledge of counter terrorist and counter extremist tactics and their viability.

Students will be able to discuss and critique (orally and in writing) the relevant literatures on these topics.

Required Texts:

(1) LaFree, G, L Dugan and E Miller. 2015. *Putting Terrorism in Context: Lessons from the Global Terrorism Database*. London: Routledge. (Available through UMD Bookstore or either in electronic or hard copy at Amazon.)

(2) Additional journal articles & book excerpts- see below- that are available from UMD library in hard copies or on-line/full text—all additional articles available in ELMS: www.elms.umd.edu

Grades

Quizzes 10% (20 points extra credit to attend Crenshaw/LaFree book talk, Feb 23)

Class presentation 20% (Presentations begin on 2/28)

Midterm exam 20% (3/14)

Final research paper 25% (5/9)

Final exam 25%

Course Requirements

READINGS: Readings are assigned for each class session. Students are expected to read the assigned materials before class, be familiar with them, and prepared for class discussion.

QUIZZES: Will hold several short quizzes throughout the semester. These will be worth 10% of your final grade.

CLASS PRESENTATION AND TERM PAPER: Each student in the class will be expected to do a class presentation of 15-20 minutes on an original analysis of the Global Terrorism Database (GTD).

You can access the GTD as follows:

- Download GTD data and codebook from <https://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/>
- Click “Using GTD”, “Download GTD” and follow instructions
- A codebook describing the GTD in detail is available at <http://www.start.umd.edu/gtd/downloads/Codebook.pdf>

For the class presentation and term paper each students should pick EITHER two countries or two terrorist organizations.

In the class presentation on the two countries or groups you should compare and contrast the two countries/groups.

Your papers should include the following:

--review prior terrorism research on these countries/groups

1. A description of the longitudinal trends in attacks and fatalities for the two countries or groups.
2. A description of the choice of weapons, targets and tactics used by terrorists in the two countries or by the two terrorist groups.
3. Which criminological theories best explain terrorism patterns within these two countries or groups?
4. What counter terrorist policies have been employed in the two countries or in opposition to the two groups selected? How effective have these policies been?
5. Overall, what are the similarities and differences between the two countries or the two groups?

--Class presentation should use Power Point and be 10-15 minutes: sign up times will begin with class number 5

--All Final Papers should:

1. Be 15-20 typed double spaced pages—12 pitch
2. Include at least 5 original academic articles or books as references.
3. Use the journal CRIMINOLOGY as a guide for formatting.
4. Include footnotes where appropriate.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY POLICIES: Academic Integrity, Conduct, Grievances, Excused Absences etc.

For a summary of important university policies on conduct, grievances and excused absences please visit: <http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>.

COURSE OUTLINE

Date	Topic	Readings
Week 1 (1/31)	Introduction	LaFree, Dugan and Miller, <i>Putting Terrorism in Context</i> , (GTD Book) CHAPTER 1 Sageman, Marc. "The stagnation in terrorism research." <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 26.4 (2014): 565-580.

		<p>Stern, Jessica. "Response to Marc Sageman's "The Stagnation in Terrorism Research"." <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 26.4 (2014): 607-613.</p> <p>McCauley, C. & S. Moskalenko. 2014. Some things we think we've learned since 9/11: A commentary on Marc Sageman's 'The Stagnation in Terrorism Research.' <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 26(4): 601-606</p> <p>Crenshaw and LaFree, <i>Countering Terrorism</i>, ch. 1</p>
Week 2 (2/7)	Defining and Measuring Terrorism	<p>GTD Book, Ch. 2 (15 pp.)</p> <p>LaFree, Gary and Gary Ackerman. 2009. The empirical study of terrorism: Social and legal research. <i>Annual Review of Law and Social Science</i> 5:347-374.</p> <p>Crenshaw, Martha. Terrorism Research: The Record. <i>International Interactions: Empirical and Theoretical Research in International Relations</i> (July 2014). http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/03050629.2014.902817#.U9-Xw-NdUZn</p> <p>Freilich, Joshua D., Steven M. Chermak & Jeff Gruenewald. 2015. "The Future of Terrorism Research: A Review Essay." <i>International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice</i> (May 2014). http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01924036.2014.922321#.U9-SJONdUZI</p> <p>LaFree, Gary. 2017. Conceptualizing and measuring terrorism: evidence from the Global Terrorism Database. A. Silke (ed.) <i>The Handbook on Terrorism and Counterterrorism</i>. London: Routledge.</p>
Week 3 (2/14)	Terrorism Theories	<p>Dugan, L., G. LaFree, & A.R. Piquero. 2005. Testing a rational choice model of airline hijackings. <i>Criminology</i> 43:1031-1065 (rational choice)</p> <p>Agnew, R. 2016. General strain theory and terrorism. In LaFree, G. & J.D. Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell(strain)</p> <p>Shecory, M. & A. Laufer. 2008. Social control theory and the connection with ideological offenders among Israeli youth during the Gaza disengagement period. <i>International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology</i> 52(4): 454-473(control)</p>

		<p>Akins, J.K. & L.T. Winfree. 2016. Social learning theory and becoming a terrorist: New challenges for a general theory. In LaFree, G. & J.D. Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell (social learning)</p> <p>Hsu and Newman, "The Situational Approach to Terrorism," Pp. 150-161 in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley. (situational theories)</p> <p>Parkin, W.S. 2016. Victimization theories and terrorism. In LaFree, G. & J.D. Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell (victimization; lifestyle; routine activities)</p> <p>Wikstrom and Bouhana, "Analyzing radicalization and terrorism: A Situational action theory," in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley.</p>
Week 4 (2/21)	Research Methods for Studying Terrorism	<p>Silke, A. 2001. The devil you know: Continuing problems with research on terrorism. <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> 13(4): 1-14.</p> <p>Hamm and Spaaij, "Paradigmatic Case Studies and Prison Ethnography, pp. 206-220 in <i>The Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism</i>, Wiley.</p> <p>Victoroff, J. 2005. The mind of the terrorist: A review and critique of psychological approaches. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 49(1): 3-42.</p> <p>Orsini, A. 2013. A day among diehard terrorists: The psychological costs of doing ethnographic research. <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 36: 337-351</p> <p>Horgan, J. 2012. Interviewing the terrorists: Reflections on fieldwork and implications for psychological research. <i>Behavioral Science of Political Aggression and Terrorism</i> 4(3): 195-211</p> <p>Laura Dugan and Michael Distler, "Measuring Terrorism," Pp. 189-205 in LaFree and Freilich, <i>The Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism</i>, Wiley.</p>
2/23	Book talk	Crenshaw/LaFree book talk: Stamp Student Union 11:00-12:00 am

<p>Week 5 (2/28) START CLASS PRESENT ATIONS</p>	<p>Longitudinal Trends</p>	<p>GTD Book, Chs. 3, 7, 8 (65 pages)</p> <p>Sedgwick, Mark. "Inspiration and the origins of global waves of terrorism." <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i> 30.2 (2007): 97-112.</p> <p>Cronin, Audrey Kurth. "How al-Qaida ends: The decline and demise of terrorist groups." <i>International Security</i> 31.1 (2006): 7-48.</p>
<p>Week 6 (3/7)</p>	<p>Spatial Trends</p>	<p>GTD Book, Ch. 4 (21 pp.)</p> <p>Behlendorf, Brandon, Gary LaFree and Richard L. Legault. 2012. Predicting microcycles of violence: Evidence from terrorist attacks by the FMLN and ETA. <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i> 28:49-75.</p> <p>Braithwaite, Alex, and Shane D. Johnson. "Space–time modeling of insurgency and counterinsurgency in Iraq." <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i> 28.1 (2012): 31-48.</p>
<p>Week 7 (3/14)</p>	<p>Terrorist Organizations</p>	<p>GTD Book, Ch. 5 (29 pp.)</p> <p>Oots, Kent Layne. "Organizational perspectives on the formation and disintegration of terrorist groups." <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i> 12.3 (1989): 139-152.</p> <p>Miller, Erin. 2012. "Patterns of Onset and Decline Among Terrorist Organizations." <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i> (March): 28:77-101. http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10940-011-9154-6</p> <p>Asal, V. & J. Wilkenfeld. 2013. Ethnic conflict: An organizational perspective. <i>Penn State Journal of Law & International Affairs</i> 2(1): 91-102.</p> <p>Chermak, S.M., J.D. Freilich & M. Suttmoeller. 2013. The organizational dynamics of far-right hate groups in the United States: Comparing violent to non-violent organizations. <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 36(3): 193-218</p> <p>Ligon, Gina Scott, et al. "Putting the “O” in VEOs: What makes an organization?" <i>Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict</i> 6.1-3 (2013): 110-134.</p> <p>MIDTERM EXAM</p>
<p>SPRING BREAK</p>		<p>March 19-25</p>

<p>Week 8 (3/28)</p>	<p>Terrorist Etiology</p>	<p>Crenshaw, Martha. "The causes of terrorism." <i>Comparative politics</i> 13.4 (1981): 379-399.</p> <p>Smith, Roberts, and Damphousse, "The Terrorists' Planning Cycle: Patterns of Pre-Incident Behavior," Pp. 62-77 in LaFree and Freilich, <i>The Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism</i>, Wiley.</p> <p>Morris and LaFree, "Country Level Predictors of Terrorism" Pp. 93-118 in LaFree and Freilich, <i>The Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism</i>, Wiley.</p> <p>Erica Chenoweth. 2013. "Terrorism and Democracy." <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> (May): 355-378. http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.1146/annurev-polisci-032211-221825</p>
<p>Week 9 (4/4)</p>	<p>Radicalization and Individual Level Studies</p>	<p>Randy Borum, "The Etiology of Radicalization," Pp. 17-32 in LaFree and Freilich, <i>The Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism</i>, Wiley.</p> <p>Jasko, Katarzyna, Gary LaFree, and Arie Kruglanski. "Quest for Significance and Violent Extremism: The Case of Domestic Radicalization." <i>Political Psychology</i> (2016).</p> <p>LaFree, Gary and Bianca Bersani. 2014. County-level correlates of terrorist attacks in the United States, 1990-2011. <i>Criminology and Public Policy</i> 13:455-481</p>
<p>Week 10 (4/11)</p>	<p>Weapons, Targets and Tactics</p>	<p>GTD Book, Chs. 6, 9 (56 pp.)</p> <p>Corner, E., & Gill, P. (2015). A False dichotomy? Mental illness and lone-actor terrorism. <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>, 39 (1), 23-34. doi:10.1037/lhb0000102</p> <p>Pape, R. 2003. The strategic logic of suicide terrorism. <i>American Political Science Review</i>. 97(3): 343- 361</p> <p>LaFree, G. 2017. Terrorism and the Internet. <i>Criminology and Public Policy</i></p> <p>Gill et al. 2017. Terrorist Use of the Internet by the Numbers. <i>Criminology and Public Policy</i></p>
<p>Week 11 (4/18):</p>	<p>Types of Terrorism</p>	<p>Simi and Bubolz, "Far right terrorism in the United States," Pp. 297-310 in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley</p>

		<p>Spaaaj, Ramón. "The enigma of lone wolf terrorism: An assessment." <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i> 33.9 (2010): 854-870.</p> <p>Braniff, Bill, and Assaf Moghadam. "Towards global Jihadism: Al-Qaeda's strategic, ideological and structural adaptations since 9/11." <i>Perspectives on Terrorism</i> 5.2 (2011).</p> <p>McCauley, Tom. 2015. The war of ideas on the Internet: An asymmetric conflict in which the strong become the weak. <i>Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict</i>. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17467586.2014.1002511</p> <p>Ackerman, Gary and Ryan Pereira. "Jihadists and WMD: a Re-evaluation of the Future Threat". <i>CBRNe World</i> .October (2014) : 27-34a. http://www.cbrneworld.com/uploads/download_magazines/Jihadists.pdf</p> <p>Carson, Jennifer Varriale, and Gary LaFree, Laura Dugan. 2012. "Terrorist and Non-Terrorist Criminal Attacks by Radical Environmental and Animal Rights Groups in the United States, 1970–2007." <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> (March): 295-319. http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/09546553.2011.639416</p>
Week 12 (4/25)	Terrorism and other Crimes	<p>Pyrooz et al., "Cut from the Same Cloth? Gang Members and Extremists"</p> <p>Arias and Hussain, "Organized crime and terrorism," Pp. 373-385 in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley</p> <p>Gruenewald and Klein, "Studying extremist homicide in the United States," in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley</p> <p>King, DeMarco, and Vandenberg, "Similar from a Distance: A Comparison of Terrorism and Hate Crime," in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley</p> <p>Bo Jiang, "An Empirical Analysis of Maritime Terrorism using the Global Terrorism Database," in LaFree and Freilich. Eds. <i>Handbook on the criminology of terrorism</i>. Wiley</p>
Week 13 (5/2):	Countering Terrorism	GTD Book Ch. 10 (21 pp.)

		<p>LaFree, Gary, Laura Dugan and Raven Korte. 2009. The impact of British counter terrorist strategies on political violence in Northern Ireland: Comparing deterrence and backlash models. <i>Criminology</i> 47: 501-530.</p> <p>Dahl, Erik J. 2011. The plots that failed: Intelligence lessons learned from unsuccessful terrorist attacks against the United States. <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 34:621-48.</p> <p>Dugan, Laura, and Erica Chenoweth. "Moving Beyond Deterrence The Effectiveness of Raising the Expected Utility of Abstaining from Terrorism in Israel." <i>American Sociological Review</i> 77.4 (2012): 597-624.</p> <p>Weine, Stevan. "Building resilience to violent extremism in Muslim diaspora communities in the United States." <i>Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict</i> 5.1 (2012): 60-73.</p>
Week 14 (5/9)	Moving Forward	<p>GTD Book, Ch. 11 (12 pp.)</p> <p>15 Years After 9/11, Is America Any Safer? - The Atlantic www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/09/are-we-any-safer/492761/</p> <p>Crenshaw and LaFree, <i>Countering Terrorism</i>, Ch. 7</p>
TERM PAPERS		TERM PAPERS DUE: May 9
FINAL EXAM		See schedule