

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

**CRMJ-206 TERRORISM, INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES**

**I. Basic Course Information**

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-206 Terrorism, Intelligence and Security Studies
- B. New or Modified Course: Modified
- C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Spring Year: 2023
- D. Effective Term: Fall 2023
- E. Sponsoring Department: Business and Public Service
- F. Semester Credit Hours: 3.0
- G. Weekly Contact Hours: Lecture: 3 hours  
Laboratory: None  
Out of class student work per week: 6 hours
- H. ☐ Prerequisite (s) None  
☐ Corequisite (s): None  
☐ Prerequisite (s) and Corequisite (s): None
- I. Laboratory Fees: None
- J. Name and Telephone Number or E-Mail Address of Department Chair and Divisional Dean at time of approval: Tracy Rimple, [tracy.rimple@raritanval.edu](mailto:tracy.rimple@raritanval.edu) Dean Patrice Marks, [Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu](mailto:Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu)

**II. Catalog Description**

This course examines terrorism and its threat to worldwide security. Analysis will include the origins and ideology of terrorism, religious extremism, international and domestic terrorist groups as well as the political issues which motivate nation states to sponsor and support terrorist groups. National strategies to combat and defeat terrorism will be explored.

### **III. Statement of Course Need**

- A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze and understand the terrorist threat to the world today. We need to learn the terrorist's ideology, motivation, structure and methods of operation and finance.
- B. No lab component.
- C. This course generally transfers as a Criminal Justice course or as an elective

### **IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum**

- A. Free Elective
- B. This course meets a program elective for the Criminal Justice AS degree
- C. To see course transferability: a) for New Jersey schools, go to the NJ Transfer website, [www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org); b) for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

### **V. Outline of Course Content**

- A. Definitions, Tactics and Behavior
- B. Structure of Terrorist Organizations
- C. Modern Terrorism and its Origins
- D. Financing Terrorism
- E. Civil Liberties and Legal Implications
- F. Homeland Security

### **VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes:**

**At the completion of the course, students will be able to:**

1. Communicate in writing and/or orally their points of view on the origins and history of terrorism. (GE- 1)
2. Identify the concepts and command structure of the United States Department of Homeland Security. (GE- 5)

### **C. Assessment Instruments**

1. Examination/Quizzes
2. Writing assignments
3. Class participation
4. Oral presentations

### **VII. Grade Determinants**

- A. Examinations/Quizzes
- B. Written Assignments
- C. Case Studies
- D. Service Learning Option

Modes of teaching and learning used in this course:

- A. Lecture/discussion
- B. Small-group work
- C. Student oral presentations
- D. Guest Speakers

### **VIII. Texts and Materials**

**Required Text:** Introduction to Homeland Security, Understanding Terrorism by David McEntire, Published by Wiley & Sons. Latest edition

(Please Note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC Bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

### **IX. Resources**

N/A

### **X. Honors Options**

N/A