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1. **Course Number: CRJ135**
Course Title: Terrorism
2. **Description:** This course acquaints students with the concept of terrorism at both the international and domestic level examining the history of terrorism, terrorism today, and terrorism in the future.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes (instructional objectives and intellectual skills):** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - engage in critical thinking surrounding the root causes of terrorism
 - analyze the organizations that support terrorist activity, and understand the role that oppression plays in terrorism
 - examine their values as they learn of religious and ethnic suppression that leads to the formation of terrorist groups
 - compare and contrast law enforcement approaches to terrorism both internationally and domestically.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL108 (Critical Reading & Thinking) or permission of instructor
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Spring, Summer
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Final grade is based on tests, written assignments, a research paper, and meaningful class participation that demonstrate the ability to apply logic, reasoning, and critical thinking skills. As part of the evaluation, the student must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, as well as examine their own values.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - Historical Perspectives on Terrorism
 - The Morality of Terrorist Violence
 - Defining Terrorism
 - Understanding Extremism
 - “Hate Crimes” as Terrorist Activity
 - The Causes of Terrorism
 - The Terrorists
 - State Terrorism
 - Dissident Terrorism
 - The Terrorist Left
 - The Terrorist Right
 - Religion and Terrorism
 - International Terrorism
 - Tactics and Targets of Terrorists
 - Domestic Terrorism and the Law Enforcement Response
 - Law Enforcement Roles in Counterterrorism
 - The Future of Terrorism
 - Controlling Terrorism – The Challenge for Law Enforcement