



Course syllabus

Course name: Terrorism Studies

Course Code: 1FK050
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Set: This syllabus has been set by the Research and Education Board at the Swedish Defence University 2019-12-17.
Institution: Department of Security, Strategy and Leadership (ISSL).
Subject: Political Science with specialization in crisis management and security.
Level: Basic level
Scope: 10 credits

Entry requirements and other conditions for admission to the course

Sh A and Eng B.

Main field of study

Political Science with specialization in crisis management and security.

Eligibility

Eligibility requires G1N basic level.

Level

Basic level

Course content and structure

The course provides a basic understanding of terrorism as a method of violence, both in a historical and broader sociopolitical context. The course deals with the breeding grounds of terrorism; of theory; how terrorism differs from other asymmetric methods of violence; counter-terrorism and the balance between security and human rights- and freedoms. The course also gives the student the ability to explain underlying conditions to how terrorism has changed over time and how this development has affected today's asymmetric challenges.

The course consists of lectures, self-studies and compulsory seminars.

Date
2019-12-17

Learning objectives

After completing this course, the student is expected to be able to:

- Based on different theories, explain the breeding grounds, causes and consequences of terrorism, as well as how terrorism differs from other asymmetric threats.
- Explain and critically assess counter-terrorism and preventive measures for violent extremism.
- Explain and assess the balance between counter-terrorism and human rights- and freedoms on both the national as well as the international level.

Examination

The examination consists of two parts: active and constructive participation in compulsory seminars and an individual written examination.

Active participation in the seminars presupposes that the student orally discusses key issues and problems within the framework of the course based on the course literature.

The examiner may decide that absence from a seminar or participation that does not achieve the grade pass (G) in certain cases can be supplemented with a complementary written assignment. Such an assignment must be submitted or presented within three working days, as from when the examiner communicates such information.

In the case of not fulfilling the requirements for the grade pass (G) on the written examination the student may be given a complementary written assignment to achieve the grade pass (G). The student has three working days to complete such task, unless there are special reasons approved by the examiner. Late examinations are not graded unless there are special reasons approved by the examiner.

If a student has a decision from the Swedish National Defence University for special educational support due to any functional variation, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

Number of examination opportunities

No limitation on the number of examination opportunities.

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Grading criteria

Grading takes place according to a three-point grading scale: pass with distinction (VG) pass (G) and fail (U). Grading criteria are stated in the course description.

In order to achieve the grade pass (G) on the course, it is required that the student has completed the requirements for active participation at the seminars, and that the grade pass has been achieved on the individual written exam.

In order to achieve the grade pass with distinction (VG) on the course, it is required that the student has completed the requirements for pass and that the grade pass with distinction has been achieved on the individual written exam.

Course literature

See appendix.

Interim provisions

When the course is no longer given, or when the course content changes significantly, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-semester period according to this course syllabus.

Additional information

The course can be given as an independent course and also as part of the Swedish Defence University's Bachelor program.

Course evaluations are carried out after each completed course through the course coordinator and is the basis for any changes to the course.

The course may be given in whole or in part in English.