



*HLS 5309 Terrorism*– Fall 2019  
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### COURSE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Class Duration: August 26-December 13, 2019, ONLINE  
Office Hours: HH 204F. M/W 11:00-11:30, 1:00-2:00pm, or by appt. If you know you would like to meet with me it is always best to schedule an appointment, even if it is during office hours. This ensures you are given priority over walkins.

Email:

- [tammy.bracewell@tamuct.edu](mailto:tammy.bracewell@tamuct.edu) or Canvas inbox \*\*\* preferred\*\*\*
- When messaging/emailing, always identify yourself and what course you are in. In general, when communicating electronically you should use complete sentences and be very clear about what you are asking or saying to avoid miscommunication.
- I check my email several times a day. I check Canvas at least once a day. These are the two best ways to reach me. If you need to talk to me outside of office hours please email or message me.

**\*\*\*Note: This syllabus is subject to revisions when necessary throughout the semester. Students will be notified of any changes via Canvas and/or in class\*\*\***

### COURSE INFORMATION MODE OF INSTRUCTION AND COURSE ACCESS

This course is a 100% online course and uses the TAMUCT Canvas Learning Management System:[<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]

Students must be able to access Canvas. Students can access Canvas on the Texas A&M-Central Texas website: [www.tamuct.edu](http://www.tamuct.edu). Log in with your TAMUCT issued ID and your password. If you have difficulty using Canvas, contact Help Desk Central 24/7 by phone at (254) 519-5466 or live chat at <http://hdc.tamu.edu>.

#### Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

**Canvas Support**

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

**Other Technology Support**

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: [helpdesk@tamu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

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**STUDENT-INSTRUCTOR INTERACTION**

Most communication between the instructor and students will be via Canvas. However, students can contact me via Canvas and email. All students are able to schedule a telephone conference or meet with me during office hours.

I will check and reply to student emails on a daily basis – students should expect a response within 24 hours Monday-Friday. Any deviations from this will be announced on Canvas. Checking Canvas frequently is important as this is where any class announcements will be posted. Messages sent over the weekend can expect a response the following Monday.

It is HIGHLY recommended that you go into your “settings” in Canvas, select “notifications”, and elect to receive emails when announcements are made. You are responsible for obtaining information in a timely manner.

My preferred method of electronic student interaction is via Canvas. All students should identify the class they are in, use proper salutations and signatures, identify a question, be succinct, and maintain professionalism in any correspondence.

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## WARRIOR SHIELD

### Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](#)

[<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

## Course Description

**I. Catalog Description:** Terrorism (3-0). Examines the definitions, history, beliefs, practices, organizational structure, and conflicts involved in terrorist activities. Addresses funding and criminal connections with terrorist organizations. Treats efforts at counterterrorism as well as the psychological aspects of suicide terrorism.

### II. Course Objectives:

1. Students will be able to discuss the definitional problems with the phenomena of terrorism.
2. Students will be able to discuss organizational structures and funding of terrorist activities.
3. Students will be able to discuss measures and efforts at counterterrorism.
4. Students will be able to explain the psychological motivations behind suicide terrorism.

### IV. Required Textbooks:

Martin, G. (2016). *Understanding terrorism: Challenges, perspectives, and issues* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Los Angeles: Sage. 978-1-4833-7898-5

### V. Recommended Reading

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: APA.

Struck, W., & White, E. B. *The elements of style*. (Any edition will do.)

**NOTE: The student is expected to have an adequate knowledge of the essentials of grammar and writing style and of the guidelines for paper organization and referencing in accordance with the APA Manual. If the student does NOT have adequate knowledge in these areas, then the purchase and use of the two Recommended Textbooks is highly recommended. Failure to provide written work in accordance with the essentials of acceptable, English writing style and APA guidelines will result in poor grades.**

#### **VI. Additional content**

The assigned readings can be found in the course modules. Students are responsible for ALL course content. Academic articles, case reports, and documentaries will all be available in the modules.

### **REQUIRED COURSE WORK**

#### **I. 10 Journal entries 20 pts each (200 pts)**

**Your response must be posted by Friday at 11:59pm, Central Time. No late entries will be accepted.**

Points are awarded to students, based on the quality of response. Quality pertains to a student's responding in relevant, meaningful ways, based upon the assigned readings for that week.

Netiquette: All students are expected to follow rules of common courtesy and professionalism in all correspondence and assignments. Students may wish to refer to the Student Handbook (located under Student Affairs/Student Conduct on the Texas A&M University-Central Texas website) for further information along these lines. Inappropriate or offensive messages or remarks will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the course.

**\*\*Note:** I encourage you all to reply to your classmate's posts. Doing so will encourage discussion. Additionally, it will likely enhance your grade. **Response posts are due by 11:59 PM on Sundays.** It is highly unlikely that you will obtain the maximum number of points without engaging in discussion with your peers.

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF DUE DATES AND TIMES...EVERY SEMESTER STUDENTS LOSE POINTS FOR NOT POSTING ON TIME\*\*\*\*\***

**II. Annotated Bibliography (AB) (100 points)**

Each student will complete an annotated bibliography with 10 sources. Your sources must be peer reviewed journal articles. Any other source will not count towards your 10. **EVERY** article must cover a topic related to terrorism. All sources must be **PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**. All sources must be no older than 10 years.

**III. Mini Papers (100) The lowest mini paper grade will be dropped.**

Paper requirements:

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| ✓ | APA format (6th edition).  |
| ✓ | Double spaced & 12 point font, Microsoft Word Document, nothing else will be accepted  |
| ✓ | 5-6 pages (no more, no less). Reference, abstract, and title pages not included but required.  |
| ✓ | 5 sources minimum (minimum 3 sources from peer reviewed journals) others may be from peer reviewed sources but may also include government websites etc... |
| ✓ | Graduate level writing   |

If you do not complete the first paper, the grade of the second paper will stand. If you complete the first paper and are satisfied with your grade, you are not required to complete the second paper.

**IV. Exams, midterm and final 100 points each (200 points)**

**OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE COURSE**

**I. Late assignments:** Late assignments will not be accepted. Under no circumstance will any late papers, journal entries, or annotated bibliographies be accepted for credit. Because this is an online course students can complete work early and have adequate time to complete all assignments. The only possible deviation from this policy is the unlikely event the student or close family member has an unexpected serious medical situation. This MAY be an allowable excuse to make up a missed EXAM only, no other assignments. Documentation will be required. If you work on the weekends, have a job that requires you to be on call, or have other obligations you should complete your work early to avoid any zeros for missed assignments.

**II. Supplementary Material:** Additional information will be given that supplements the topics to be addressed. This supplementary material is designed to broaden the educational experience and create more variety to the usual lecture/discussion format of class presentations. You are responsible for all information in the supplementary material which can be found in the modules.

**III. Extra Credit:** Extra credit is not available in this class.

**IV. Note:** I will ONLY accept assignments that are submitted properly: through Canvas. You MUST submit the assignment in the appropriate location within the assignments section.

**V. Posting of Grades:** All student grades will be posted in the Canvas grade book and students should monitor their grading status through this tool. Students should generally expect grades to be posted within one week of the due date. Deviations from this schedule will be announced on Canvas.

**VI. Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion:**

Final course grades will be assessed on the following scale:

| Assignment     | Points     | My Grade |
|----------------|------------|----------|
| Exam 1         | 100 points |          |
| Exam 2         | 100 points |          |
| Papers         | 100 Points |          |
| Journals       | 200 Points |          |
| Annotated Bib. | 100 points |          |
|                |            |          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>600</b> |          |
| 537-600 points | A          |          |
| 477-536 points | B          |          |
| 417-476 points | C          |          |
| 357-416 points | D          |          |
| <357points     | F          |          |

**At the end of the semester there will be NO curve and no extra points given. It is up to YOU to ensure you have the grade you want.**

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## COURSE CALENDAR

Subject to revision, if necessary, during the semester

**\*\*\*\*\*Note: additional reading assignments may be assigned throughout the semester, you will be notified via instructor announcements\*\*\*\*\***

### V. Course Outline and Assignment Schedule

| Date  | Reading          |           | Assignments due                  |
|-------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 8/26  | Syllabus<br>CH 1 | Module 1  | Introductions                    |
| 9/2   | CH 2             | Module 2  | Journal 1                        |
| 9/9   | CH 3             | Module 3  | Journal 2                        |
| 9/16  | CH 4             | Module 4  | Journal 3                        |
| 9/23  | CH 5             | Module 5  | Journal 4                        |
| 9/30  | CH 6             | Module 6  | Journal 5                        |
| 10/7  | CH 7             | Module 7  | Paper 1                          |
| 10/14 | CH 8             | Module 8  | Midterm 10/18-10/20              |
| 10/21 | CH 9             | Module 9  | Journal 6                        |
| 10/28 | CH 10            | Module 10 | Journal 7                        |
| 11/4  | CH 11            | Module 11 | Journal 8                        |
| 11/11 | CH 12            | Module 12 | Annotated Bibliography           |
| 11/18 | CH 13            | Module 13 | Journal 9                        |
| 11/26 | CH 14            | Module 14 | Paper 2                          |
| 12/2  | CH 15            | Module 15 | Journal 10                       |
| 12/9  |                  | Module 16 | <b>Final Exam<br/>12/8-12/10</b> |

**\*\*\*Unless otherwise noted ALL assignments are due on Sundays at  
11:59PM\*\*\***

### Important University Dates:

| <b>Date</b>                            | <b>Description</b>   |
|--|--|
| August 26, 2019                        | Classes Begin for Fall Semester  |
| August 28, 2019                        | Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for 16- and First 8-week                                   |
| <b>September 2, 2019</b>               | <b>Labor Day (University Closed)</b>   |
| September 3, 2019                      | Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with No Record   |
| September 11, 2019                     | Deadline to drop 16-week Classes with No Record  |
| October 4, 2019                        | Deadline to Drop First 8-week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)                                    |
| October 18, 2018                       | Classes End for First 8-week Session   |
| October 18, 2019                       | Deadline to Withdraw from University for First 8-Week Classes (WF)                                       |
| October 21, 2019                       | Add, Drop, and Late Registration Begins for Second 8-Week Classes \$25 fee assessed for late registrants |
| October 21, 2019                       | Classes Begin for Second 8-Week Session  |
| October 21, 2019                       | Class Schedule Published for Spring Semester   |
| October 23, 2019                       | Deadline for Add, Drop, and Late Registration for Second 8-Week Classes                                  |
| <b>October 25, 2019</b>                | <b>Deadline for Graduation Application for Ceremony Participation</b>                                    |
| October 28, 2019                       | Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with No Record  |
| <b>November 4, 2019</b>                | <b>Registration Opens for Spring Semester</b>  |
| November 8, 2019                       | Deadline to Drop 16-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)   |
| <b>November 11, 2019</b>               | <b>Veteran's Day (University Closed)</b>   |
| <b>Nov 28-29, 2019</b>                 | <b>Thanksgiving (University Closed)</b>  |
| November 29, 2019                      | Deadline to Drop Second 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)                                   |
| December 13, 2019                      | Deadline for Applications for Tuition Rebate for Fall Graduation (5pm)                                   |
| December 13, 2019                      | Deadline for Degree Conferral Applications to the Registrar's Office \$20 Late Application Fee           |
| December 13, 2019                      | Deadline to Withdraw from University for 16- and Second 8-Week Classes                                   |
| December 13, 2019                      | Fall Semester Ends   |
| December 13, 2019                      | Fall Commencement Ceremony   |
| December 17, 2019                      | Deadline for Faculty Submission of 16-Week and Second 8-Week Final Class Grades (due by 3pm)             |
| December 23, 2019 –<br>January 1, 2020 | Winter Break (University Closed)   |



## UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

### Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](#)

[[https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf)].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

### Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](#),

[<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](#),

[[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0)].

### Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and

activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

### **Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

### **Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. Tutor.com tutoring **will not offer writing support** beginning August 1, 2019, but will continue to offer other tutoring support.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at [deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu](mailto:deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu).

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

**University Writing Center**

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via [WOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

**University Library**

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan,

TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

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### **A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas**

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, who are exhibiting behaviors that pose a threat to safety, or individuals causing a significant disruption to our community, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.