



COURSE SYLLABUS

1. Information about the program

1.1 Higher Education Institution	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	European Studies Faculty
1.3 Department	International Relations and German Studies
1.4 Field of study	International Relations and German Studies
1.5 Study level	MA
1.6 Programme of study/ Qualification	Cultura politică și global studies

2. Information about the discipline

2.1 Module	Terrorism and Security Threats in the Euro-Atlantic Area						
2.2 Course holder	Assist. Professor Monica Meruțiu, PhD						
2.3 Seminar holder	Assist. Professor Monica Meruțiu, PhD						
2.4 Year of study	1	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of assessment ¹	E.	2.7 Type of module ²	OB

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 No. of hours per week	3	3.1 of which for course	2	3.3 of which for seminar	1
3.4 Total no. of hours in the curriculum	42	3.5 of which for course	28	3.6 of which for seminar	14
Time distribution:					Hours
Study by using handbook, reader, bibliography and course notes					14
Additional library/specialised online research, field research					10
Preparation of seminars/laboratories, homework, projects, portfolios and essays					14
Tutoring					10
Examinations					8
Other activities:					
3.7 Total no. of hours for individual study	28				
3.8 Total no. of hours per semester	42				

¹ E - exam, ME - multi-term examinations, C - collocutional examination/assessment test

² OB - core module, OP - elective module, F - extracurricular module

3.9 No. of ETCS credit points	5
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4. Prerequisites (where applicable)

4.1 of curriculum	• --
4.2 of competencies	• --

5. Conditions (where applicable)

5.1 For the development of the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Required readings
5.2 For the development of the seminar/laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader for the seminar • Attendance at least 75% of the seminars • Participation in debates

6. Specific skills acquired

Professional skills	<p>Knowledge and understanding:</p> <p>Understanding the meaning and the importance of studying the phenomenon of terrorism. • To examine the complexities of terrorism and the challenges of the security threats in the third millennium. • Knowledge and understanding of the main theories and concepts related to the study of terrorism.</p>
Interdisciplinary skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing critical thinking. • Communication skills.

7. Course objectives (based on list of acquired skills)

7.1 General objective	<p>Knowledge and understanding of the main notions and concepts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing critical thinking. • Communication skills.
7.2 Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To examine the complexities of terrorism and the challenges of the security threats in the third millennium.

8. Contents

8.1 Lecture	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Introduction. Definitions of terrorism, main concepts and characteristics.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
2. Evolution of the terrorist phenomenon. A Historical Approach.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
3. The Internationalization of Terrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
4. Terrorism, Communication and Media.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	

5. Cyberterrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
6. Surveillance, Privacy and Human Rights.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
7. State Sponsored Terrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
8. New Geographies of the War on Terror.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
9. ISIS vs. Al Qaeda: Jihadism's Global Civil War.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
10. Genesis of Suicide Terrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
11. Terrorism and the Threat to Democracy.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
12. Strategic Planning for Combating Terrorism.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
13. Counterterrorism and US Foreign Policy.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	
14. Final Remarks.	Lecture, heuristic conversation, dialogue	

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 Horgan, John. 2005. The Psychology of Terrorism. New York: Routledge.
 Juergensmeyer, Mark. 2000. Terror in the Mind of God. Berkeley. University of California Press.
 Nacos, Brigitte. 2006. Terrorism and Counterterrorism. New York: Pearson Longman.
 Ross, Jeffrey Ian. 2006. Political Terrorism: An Interdisciplinary Approach. New York: Peter Lang.
 Sageman, Marc. 2004. Understanding Terror Networks. Philadelphia: Penn University Press.

8.2 Seminar / Laboratory	Teaching methods	Observations
1. Organizational details: requirements for seminar activity, presentation of reader and bibliography, organization of the final examination.		
2. Definitions of terrorism. Terrorism in the 21st Century.	Text analysis, debate	Bruce Hoffman. —Inside Terrorism (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006). Chapter 1. Ben Saul. —Definition of Terrorism in the UN Security Council: 1985-2004 Fareed Zakaria, —"The Politics of Rage: Why Do They Hate Us?", Newsweek, October 12, 2002. Bruce Hoffman. —Inside Terrorism (New York. Columbia University Press, 2006). Chapter 3. Boaz Ganor. —Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century. Springer, 2009
3. Religion and Terrorism.	Text analysis, debate	Bruce Hoffman. —Inside Terrorism (New York. Columbia University Press, 2006). Chapter 4. Mark Juergensmeyer.-Terror in the Mind of God. The Global Rise of Religious Violence (Univ. of

		California Press, 2000), pp. 19-43.
4. Religious Justification for Terrorism.	Text analysis, debate	Lutz James and Brenda Lutz. 2004. "Religious Justifications for Terrorism". In Global Terrorism, London, Routledge, pp. 63-88. Chapter 5. David Rapoport, "Fear and Trembling: Terrorism in Three Religious Traditions", American Political Science Review Vol. 78, No. 3 (1984) pp. 658-677
5. Women and Children in Terrorism	Text analysis, debate	P.W. Singer, "The New Children of Terror" P.W. Singer, "Western Militaries confront Child Soldiers Threat" Brigitte L. Nacos, "Young Western Women, Fandom, and ISIS." e-International Relations, May 5, 2015.
6. Policies of the United States Government toward Terrorism.	Text analysis, debate	David Wills. —The First War on Terrorism: CounterTerrorism Policy During the Reagan Administration, (Lanham, MD. Rowman & Littlefield, Inc. 2004). Chapter 1 Robert Oakley. —"International Terrorism", Foreign Affairs, (1986 America & the World, Vol. 65, Issue 3), 611-629.
7. The Future of Terrorism.	Text analysis, debate	Bruce Hoffman. —Al-Qaeda, Trends in Terrorism and Future Potentialities: An Assessment (The Rand Corporation, 2003) Yvgeny Primakov. —A World Challenged: Fighting Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century (The Nixon Center 2004). Chapter 2 and Chapter 4. Bruce Hoffman. —Inside Terrorism, (New York. Columbia University Press, 2006). Chapter 9

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- Richardson, Louise. What Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy and Containing the Threat. New York: Random House, 2006

9. The correspondence between the content of the course and the expectations of the academic community, professional associations and representative employers in the field:

- Developing critical thinking
- Communication skills

10. Assessment

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Percentage of the final grade
10.4 Course/Lecture	7 points	Final written examination	70%
10.5 Seminar	3 points	1 p. (presentation, text analysis) 2 p. (seminar activity)	30%
10.6 Minimum standard of performance:			
Minimum four active seminar attendances (reading and discussing the required texts) Students shall pass the exam if they obtain at least the grade 5 in their written examination			

Date
1.10.2021

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