

# DSC: Homeland Security

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## Courses

### DSC 3012 Terrorism

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Introduction to terrorism, which examines the history and evolution of terrorism in both international and domestic arenas. Topics will include the causes, motives, means, and organization of terrorism and terrorist groups. Finally, the course will explore governmental and law enforcement responses and programs aimed at terrorism and threats.

### DSC 4013 Homeland Security

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Concepts of homeland security in theory and practice; the history and development of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and its components; terrorism and other threats to U.S. National Security and the issues associated with achieving national security in a free society. The course will also examine the components of Critical Infrastructure, Emergency Management and Preparedness, and Policing, related to the practical application of homeland security initiatives.

### DSC 5020 Terrorism

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

Critical analysis of major issues related to the study of terrorism. From initially critiquing the numerous conceptualizations of terrorism, the course will then evaluate theories of terrorist activity, the organizational and financial structure of terrorist cells, and the different tactics terrorists adopt in order to fulfill their objectives. The course will explore the contentious and oftentimes violent history of the Middle East and how this part of the world has spawned the development of multiple terrorist groups. Scientifically-based methods of inquiry will be utilized in the study of the extent and impact of terrorism on society.

### DSC 6026 Issues in Homeland Security

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

This course focuses on topical issues associated with homeland security and terrorism. Topics include the use of intelligence and technology for homeland security and to combat terrorism, the importance of a critical infrastructure for homeland security, emergency management, preparedness, and response and recovery. Describes and critiques current resources and initiatives related to homeland security and terrorism. Offered only in the Fall Semester.

### DSC 6045 Homeland Security

3 sh (may not be repeated for credit)

This course will provide students a critical assessment of the larger history, purpose, function and effectiveness of homeland security initiatives. In so doing, we will evaluate the different threats posed to the homeland, the way we prepare for them, the law surrounding our response to homeland security as well as the different agencies tasked with minimizing threats to the homeland. Analyzes homeland security efforts geared towards the fight against terrorism and those directed at minimizing threats from natural disasters, technological hazards, cyber and transportation attack. Scientifically-based methods of inquiry will be utilized in the study of the extent and impact of homeland security efforts.