COURSE OUTLINE

JUST 415 – EMERGING ISSUES IN HOMELAND SECURITY

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A. **TITLE:** Emerging Issues in Homeland Security

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** JUST 415

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No

E. **COURSE LENGTH:** 15 weeks

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall or Spring

G. **HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:** 3 lecture hours per week

H. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** This course explores the Evolving nature of the Homeland Security industry. It examines a number of contemporary issues and their immediate and long–term Impact on Homeland Security policies and practices. The roles of the media, law, the Constitution, Governmental and corporate entities, and politics at the federal, state and local levels in determining and shaping Homeland Security Policy and practice are considered.

I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**
   a. Pre-requisite(s): JUST 230 – Fundamentals of Homeland Security and completion of 45 semester credits in Criminal Investigation, Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement Leadership or Homeland Security or permission of the instructor
   b. Co-requisite(s): None

J. **GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):** By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

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<td>1. Summarize the events of September 11, 2001 and the development of Homeland</td>
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<td>2. Identify contemporary issues in homeland security.</td>
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<td>4. Articulate the role of the media in homeland security and homeland security</td>
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K. TEXTS:


L. REFERENCES:


Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT Act) Act of 2001 [Public Law 107-56] and revisions and updates to federal statutes associated with the USA PATRIOT Act.

M. EQUIPMENT: Technology enhanced classroom

N. GRADING METHOD: A-F

O. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Assignments
- Participation

P. DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:

I. What is Homeland Security?
   A. Background
      1. Overview of National Security
      2. Evolution of Homeland Security
   B. Current Situation
      1. Today’s Security Environment
      2. Meaning of Homeland Security
      3. Overview of Homeland Security Missions
   C. Outlook
      1. Need for a Homeland security Definition

II. Re-examining 9/11” Could the Terrorist Attacks Have Been Prevented?
A. Background
   1. Dysfunctional System?
   2. Frustrating Initiatives
   3. Postmortems

B. Current Situation
   1. Ground zero
   2. High Court Review

C. Outlook
   1. Law of Averages?

III. Anti-Americanism: Is Anger at the U.S. Growing?
A. Background
   1. The Ungrateful Son
   2. Religious Differences
   3. Foreign Affairs Bully?
   4. American Exceptionalism
B. Current Situation
   1. Missteps and Failures
   2. Support for Israel
   3. A Good Neighbor?
   4. Missed Opportunities
C. Outlook
   1. Lasting Damage?

IV. Religious Fundamentalism: Does It Lead to Intolerance and Violence?
A. Background
   1. ‘Great Awakening’
   2. Islamic Fundamentalism
   3. Fundamentalist Jews
   4. Fundamentalism in India
B. Current Situation
   1. Political Battles
   2. Rising Violence
C. Outlook
   1. More of the Same?

V. Hate Groups: Is Extremism on the Rise in the United States?
A. Background
   1. Building Movements
   2. Fighting and Killing
   3. Explosion and Aftermath
B. Current Situation
   1. Hate in April
2. Free Speech, Hate Speech
3. Recruiting Veterans

C. Outlook
1. Guns in Holsters

VI. Nuclear Proliferation and Terrorism: Can “Rogue” States and Terrorists Acquire Nuclear Weapons?
A. Background
1. Manhattan Project
2. Nonproliferation Efforts
3. Mushrooming Nukes
B. Current Situation
1. Black Market Revealed
2. Bush’s Response
C. Outlook
1. Crumbling Coalition?
2. Foiling Nuclear Terror

VII. Terrorism and the Internet: Should Web Sites That Promote Terrorism Be Shut Down?
A. Background
1. Growth and Evolution
2. From Web 1.0 to 2.0
3. Terrorists and Cybercrime
B. Current Situation
1. Alternative Voices
2. The Sakinah Campaign
3. Government-funded Sites
C. Outlook
1. Pooling Resources

VIII. Terrorism and the Media: Is That a Dangerous Symbiosis?
A. Background
1. Competing Perspectives on the Role of the Media
2. The Media-Related Goals and Means of Terrorists
3. The 9/11 Attacks and the Media
B. Current Situation
1. How and Why Media Cover Terrorism-Related Stories
2. What Terrorists Want from the Media
3. What Government Leaders Want from the Media
4. What the Media Want When Covering Terrorists Incidents or Issues
C. Outlook
1. Establishing a Government Terrorist Information Center
2. Promoting Voluntary Press Coverage Guidelines

IX. Understanding Islam: Is Islam Compatible With Western Values?
A. Background
   1. Two Faces of Islam
   2. Islamic Movements
   3. ‘War on Terror’
B. Current Situation
   1. Muslim Identities
   2. Religious Clashes
C. Outlook
   1. Misunderstanding?

X. Global Jihad: Does a terrorist Movement Threaten the West?
A. Background
   1. Origins of Jihad
   2. Modern Islamism
   3. Revolution
   5. Anti-West Jihad
B. Current Situation
   1. Goodbye ‘Londonistan’
   2. Sleeper Cells?
   3. Saudi Succession
C. Outlook
   1. Limited Support

XI. Homeland Security: Is America Safe From Terrorism Today?
A. Background
   1. Mideast Conflicts
   2. On U.S. Soil
   3. Al Qaeda
   4. Homeland Security
B. Current Situation
   1. Testing Time
   2. Back to Court
C. Outlook
   1. The Next Generation

XII. Policing the Borders: Can the United States Guard Against Terrorists?
A. Background
   1. Open-Door Policy
   2. Federal Controls
3. Growing Concern
4. Sweeping New Laws

B. Outlook
1. Civil Liberties

XIII. Torture Debate: Is the U.S. War on Terror Legitimizing Torture?
A. Background
1. Ancient Practice
2. Changing Norms
3. Democracies’ Experience
4. Post-9/11 Crackdown

B. Current Situation
1. Rendition Fallout
2. Suing Torturers
3. The ‘Black Sites’

C. Outlook
1. No Panaceas

XIV. The Politics of Homeland Security Policy Establishment
A. Background
1. Models Used to Address Threats to Homeland Security
2. The Institutional Framework for Homeland Security and Defense
3. Threats Made and Failed Warning

B. Current Situation
1. Options for Homeland security and Defense
2. New Roles for Old Agencies
3. Organizational Problems and Challenges

C. Outlook
1. Centralizing of Governmental Actions to Combat a decentralized Enemy

XV. Prosecuting Terrorists: Should Suspected Terrorists Be Given Military or Civil Trails?
A. Background
1. Power and Precedent
2. Challenge and Response
3. Change and Continuity

B. Current Situation
1. Watching Appeals
2. Making a Deal?

C. Outlook
1. Bringing Justice to Bear

Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: N/A