Learning Goals: A Statement of Principles

The Program Committee for the Program in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University in New Brunswick has adopted a series of learning goals for students who complete the major. These goals represent the consensus of the faculty regarding the concepts a student should grasp and the skills a student should acquire in the course of completing the major. These goals guide the choices faculty make about the structure of the curriculum and the requirements for our majors. Moreover, they guide faculty and instructors preparing course material and teaching courses.

Criminal justice majors graduating from a research university should be able to use critical thinking, factual inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to individual and group behavior. In addition, students should have an understanding of the legal, political and policymaking processes that affect criminal justice systems in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Finally, students should be familiar with the institutional structures and latest developments in the field in order to engage in meaningful debate about current public policy issues.

Learning Goals for Criminal Justice Majors

1. **Competence:**
   a.) **Theory.** Students who complete the major in criminal justice should understand and be able to articulate, both orally and in writing, the core theoretical concepts that form the foundation of analysis and research in criminology and criminal
justice today. Core concepts are derived from explanations of crime from a variety of perspectives, including biogenic, psychological, and sociological approaches. There are myriad theories of crime that are informed by these perspectives, including classical, control, critical, ecology, labeling, learning, strain, and trait-based approaches. Theoretical literacy should extend to multicultural and international understanding.

b.) **Institutions.** Students who complete the major in criminal justice should understand the special role of three types of institutions: Police, Corrections, and Courts. In addition, students should know how institutional forms vary across jurisdictions and how these institutions interact with and influence each other.

c.) **Research Methods.** Students who complete the criminal justice major should be familiar with the tools, techniques, and data sources necessary for empirical analysis. Students should understand the various ways that empirical analysis is used in the scientific approach: for description, for developing, and for testing theories. They should be able to analyze data using computer applications and should be familiar with basic statistical techniques and regression analysis. They should be able to read and assess research from a wide range of sources, including general interest, academic, and government publications.

2. **Critical Thinking:** Upon completion of the major students should be able to apply their understanding of core concepts and quantitative tools to analyze and research real world problems, and evaluate alternative policy proposals on a range of criminal justice issues, from micro-level analyses relevant to particular cases to management concerns to macro-level analyses of legislative and other broad-scale policies. Accomplishment of this goal will require that students can apply their literacy and numeracy skills to different institutional structures, within the U.S. and across countries.

3. **Scholarship:** Qualified majors should have an opportunity through such avenues as advanced coursework, internships, and faculty interactions to conduct independent research on matters of central relevance to the field of criminal justice.
COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is designed to introduce the student to a comprehensive analysis of International Law and the complex issues associated with attempts to control Political Terrorism. Students who complete this course should understand and be able to articulate both orally and in writing, the major impediments under International Law to eradicating Political Terrorism. Students will study the core theoretical concepts such as: Self Determination and International Law; Decisions of the International Court in Nicaragua vs. U.S.: The Wars of National Liberation and the Right to Rebel; The Legality of Humanitarian Intervention; International Conventions to Control Skyjacking; International Terrorism and the United Nations; State Terrorism. Students will also analyze from a regional perspective diverse examples of groups, organizations, and government’s attempts to use violence to achieve political ends.

REQUIRED TEXTS

*POLITICAL TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL LAW* by Professor Lennox S. Hinds
Selected Readings: Printed and packaged by Copy Services.
Available at the Rutgers University Bookstore. ISBN: 9781592710478

*MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN* (2010) by Professor Lennox S. Hinds
Available at the Rutgers University Bookstore. ISBN: 9781592711024

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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

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ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend all classes; if you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University absence reporting website [https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/](https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/) to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An e-mail is automatically sent to me. You are expected to have the material read for the respective class.
COURSE OUTLINE

I. DEFINITIONS AND DIMENSIONS OF TERRORISM

REQUIRED READINGS:

(1). Chapter II
   “International Terrorism and the United Nations” Finger, Seymour, Maxwell

(2). The Politics of Terrorism
    Stohl, Michael ed
    N.Y. Marcel Dekker, Inc. 1983.
    (a) Introduction: Myths and Realities of Political Terrorism.” pp. 1-17.
    (b) International Terrorism, pp. 221-253.

(3) Terrorism and Freedom in International Law
    Touret, Denis G.
    Houston, Journal of International Law, pp. 363-373
    Spring ’80.

(4) International Colonialism and Humanitarian Intervention
    M. Sorvarajah
    Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law.

(5) Skyjacking and the Bonn Declaration of 1978,

(6) Comparing the 1993 U.S. Airstrike on Iraq to the 1986 Bombing of Libya; the New Interpretation of Article 51
    Stuart G. Baker

SUGGESTED READINGS:

(a) Control of Terrorism: International Documents,
    Alexander, Yonah, Brown, Majorie and Allan, S., N.Y.: Crane Russak & Co., Inc. 1979
(b) Legal and other Aspects of Terrorism,
(c) Documents of International and Local Control.
II. SELF-DETERMINATION AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

REQUIRED READINGS:

(7) “Wars of National Liberation: Jus Ad Bellum”,


(9) “Hope and Loopes in the 1974 Definition of Agression”,

(10) “New Hope for the Laws of War”,
Aldrich, George H., American Journal of International Law, Vol. 75.

III. THE STRUGGLES FOR SELF-DETERMINATION REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES.

A. STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

REQUIRED READINGS:


(12) “Self-Determination Pretoria Style: The Case of the Transkei”

(13) The Politics of Terrorism, “Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa”, Stohl, Michael E.,
pp. 445-495.

(14) “Sanctions & South Africa”,
pp. 887-930.

(15) “Final Report on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court for the
Implementation of the Apartheid Convention & Other Relevant International
Instruments,”

B. STRUGGLES IN LATIN AMERICA

REQUIRED READINGS:

(16) Text – International Terrorism,

(17) Political Terrorism in Latin America:
The Politics of Terrorism, pp. 377-396.

C. THE UNITED STATES DYNAMIC

Chapter 14, Politics of Terrorism, Political Terrorism in the U.S.: Historical
REQUIRED READINGS:

(18) **Sovereignty and Self-Determination: The Rights of Native Americans Under International Law**

(19) **“Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: Unconstitutional Warrant Criteria Permit Wiretapping if a Possibility of International Terrorism is Found.”**

(20) **Blown Away? The Bill of Rights After Oklahoma City**

(21) **After Alvarez-Machain: Abduction, Standing, Denials of Justice, and Unaddressed Human Rights Claims**
Jordan J. Paust

D. **CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE WESTERN SAHARA**

SUGGESTED READINGS:

(22) **Text – Chap. 9 – “The Birth of Israel”**

(23) **Self-Determination in International Law: The Palestinians**

(24) **“The Legal Effects of United Nations Action in Support of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the National Liberation Movements of Africa.”**

(25) **“International Court of Justice: Advisory Opinion on the Western Sahara.”**

E. **CONFLICT IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

REQUIRED READINGS:

(26) Lowry, David R. “Terrorism and Human Rights: Counter-Insurgency and Necessity at Common Law”,
Notre Dame Lawyer, 1977, pp. 49-89

(27) **“Draconian Powers: The New British Approach to Pretrial Detention of Suspected Terrorists.”** Lowry, David R.,

(28) **“The Right of the People of the Whole of Ireland to Self-Determination, Unity, Sovereignty and Independence”**;
RESEARCH TERM PAPER REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS. PAPERS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 4, 2012. PAPER LENGTH IS 20 PAGES INCLUDING FOOTNOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY.

TERM PAPER OUTLINE

1. Cover Sheet (Title, your name, course name, and course number)
2. Table of Contents
3. Statement of the problem to be discussed and its background
4. The argument for your contentions supported by relevant research and facts
5. Conclusions
6. Bibliography (the bibliography reference method may be somewhat easier for you)
7. Appendixes as needed

Please number all pages bottom center, and fasten firmly together by staples, rings, or some other kind of binding method.

Prepare a well-reasoned and researched paper on any one of the following topics:
TERM PAPER TOPICS

1. Prepare a well-reasoned argument in support of the proposition that the Syrian opposition forces are justified under International Law “Jus Ad Bellum” to the use of force against Syrian government forces.

2. Prepare a well-reasoned argument for the proposition that NATO’s bombing and killing of civilians in Libya under the U.N. Security Council’s Resolution 1973 (R2P) violated international law.

3. Prepare a well-reasoned argument for the proposition that the United States use of drones for targeted killings in Yemen and Pakistan constitutes state terrorism and violates international law.
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Policy on Academic Integrity for Undergraduate and Graduate Students, page 3D.