



ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Terrorism and Hybrid Warfare in the EU and its Neighbourhood

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Compact Seminar

MAJOR(S)

EUW

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

8

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course examines the phenomena of terrorism and hybrid warfare in their historical and contemporary perspectives by placing in the broader conceptual framework of insurgency as well as by analysing its manifestations in the EU and its neighbourhood. The course aims to understand the driving forces, character and dynamics of various forms of terrorism and hybrid warfare in general and, more specifically, particular strategies targeting the EU Member States and countries in the EU neighbourhood. It also seeks to explore and assess ways in which contemporary societies, governments and international organisations, particularly the EU, respond to them.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyse the driving forces, character and dynamics of various forms of terrorism and hybrid warfare in historical and contemporary contexts, with a particular attention to their presence in the EU and its neighbourhood;
- Analyse the strategic principles, dilemmas methods and instruments of countering the threats of terrorism and hybrid warfare;
- Evaluate the sources, nature and character of present-day terrorism and hybrid warfare threat to various EU Member States and the EU as a whole as well as to various regions in the EU neighbourhood;
- Evaluate the role, policies and strategies of the EU in countering the threats of terrorism and hybrid warfare.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Reading of the materials indicated in the course outline

TEACHING METHOD(S)

A series of lectures combined with analytical seminar discussions, supported by individual preparations through reading, and completed by a critical debate between the course participants.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

The compact seminar will be assessed on a 'pass/fail' basis through:

- an online closed-book multiple-choice test (80% of the mark) at the end of the final course session - 15 minutes to answer 7 questions, and
- overall attendance (20% of the mark).

The weighted average of both assessment elements needs to be equal or greater than 50% for a student to pass the compact seminar.

Each student is entitled to re-taking the test once. The re-take test would account for 80% of the mark whilst overall attendance would account for the remaining 20%.

Since compact seminars carry no ECTS credits, the final result will be present on the transcript, but will have no impact on students' final average, nor on overall grade, nor on attaining the diploma.

COURSE CONTENTS

- Overarching theoretical framework: a concept of insurgency and counter-insurgency;
- Strategic logic of terrorism and hybrid warfare: violence, destabilisation, communication and coercion;
- Contemporary political, social, economic, geostrategic and technological driving forces, enablers and facilitators of terrorism and hybrid warfare;
- Countering terrorism and hybrid warfare: dilemmas, strategic principles and toolbox;
- The EU role, policies and strategies in countering terrorism and hybrid warfare: a "soft target" or a pivotal player?

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Academic articles, book chapters and research reports listed as essential and supplementary reading in the course outline and relevant media articles / reports collected by the course participants themselves.