

**The Ohio State University  
Colleges of the Arts and Sciences New Course Request**

Sociology

Academic Unit

Sociology

Book 3 Listing (e.g., Portuguese)

315 Sociology of terrorism

Number Title

Soc. of terrorism

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18-Character Title Abbreviation

Level

Credit Hours

Summer

Autumn

Winter

Spring

Year 2006

Proposed effective date, choose one quarter and put an "X" after it; and fill in the year. See the OAA curriculum manual for deadlines.

**A. Course Offerings Bulletin Information**

Follow the instructions in the OAA curriculum manual. If this is a course with decimal subdivisions, then use one New Course Request form for the generic information that will apply to all subdivisions; and use separate forms for each new decimal subdivision, including on each form the information that is unique to that subdivision. If the course offered is less than a quarter or a term, please complete the Flexibly Scheduled/Off Campus/Workshop Request form.

Description (*not to exceed 25 words*): Provides a broad review of the definitions, histories, types, and theories of terrorism from a sociological perspective.

Quarter offered: AU

Distribution of class time/contact hours: 2 2 hr-cl.

Quarter and contact/class time hours information should be omitted from Book 3 publication (yes or no):

Prerequisite(s): Sociology 101 or 5 hours in sociology

Exclusion or limiting clause: none

Repeatable to a maximum of 6 credit hours.

Cross-listed with: n/a

Grade Option (Please check): Letter  S/U  Progress  What course is last in the series? \_\_\_\_\_

Honors Statement:

Yes  No

GEC: Yes  No

Admission Condition

Off-Campus:

Yes  No

EM: Yes  No

Course: Yes  No

Other General Course Information:

(e.g. "Taught in English." "Credit does not count toward BSBA degree.")

**B. General Information**

Subject Code 45.1101 Subsidy Level (V, G, T, B, M, D, or P) B

If you have questions, please email Jed Dickhaut at [dickhaut.1@osu.edu](mailto:dickhaut.1@osu.edu).

1. Provide the rationale for proposing this course:

In recent times, domestic and international terrorism has become a distressing feature of social life for the world's people. Between 1981 and 2001 there were 9,000 separate acts of international terrorism, and between 1996 and 2001 over 18,000 people were killed or injured by these attacks. While these numbers are relatively small in comparison to other forms of mass political violence (e.g., civil war), the social and social-psychological impact of terrorism should not be underestimated. For instance, the economic costs of the 9/11 attacks run into the hundreds of billions of dollars, and changes in civil rights laws have in some cases been drastic. For these reasons, terrorism has become a critical area of study for the social sciences.

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad review of the definitions, histories, types, and theories of terrorism, with a special focus on sociological approaches (e.g., identity formation, social movements theory, network

analysis). Moreover, we will be discussing the consequences of terrorism in terms of social responses to terrorism (e.g., urban design, homeland security), the social costs of such responses (e.g., shifts in social psychology and civil rights), and potential sociological/criminological remedies that might prevent terrorism in the future.

2. Please list Majors/Minors affected by the creation of this new course. Attach revisions of all affected programs. This course is (check one):  Required on major(s)/minor(s)  A choice on major(s)/minors(s)  An elective within major(s)/minor(s)  A general elective:

3. Indicate the nature of the program adjustments, new funding, and/or withdrawals that make possible the implementation of this new course.

none

4. Is the approval of this request contingent upon the approval of other course requests or curricular requests?

Yes  No  List:

5. If this course is part of a sequence, list the number of the other course(s) in the sequence: n/a

6. Expected section size: 40 Proposed number of sections per year: 1

7. Do you want prerequisites enforced electronically (see OAA manual for what can be enforced)? Yes  No

8. This course has been discussed with and has the concurrence of the following academic units needing this course or with academic units having directly related interests (List units and attach letters and/or forms):  
Not Applicable

Political Science

9. Attach a course syllabus that includes a topical outline of the course, student learning outcomes and/or course objectives, off-campus field experience, methods of evaluation, and other items as stated in the OAA curriculum manual and e-mail to [asccurrrofc@osu.edu](mailto:asccurrrofc@osu.edu).

Approval Process The signatures on the lines in ALL CAPS ( e.g. ACADEMIC UNIT) are required.

Paul E. Bell Paul E. Bell 5-3-06  
1. Academic Unit Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair Printed Name Date

Robert L. Huffman Robert L Huffman 5/4/06  
2. Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee Chair Printed Name Date

Stephanie Davidson Stephanie Davidson 5-23-06  
3. ACADEMIC UNIT CHAIR/DIRECTOR Printed Name Date

4. After the Academic Unit Chair/Director signs the request, forward the form to the ASC Curriculum Office, 105 Brown Hall, 190 West 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. or fax it to 688-5678. Attach the syllabus and any supporting documentation in an e-mail to [asccurrrofc@osu.edu](mailto:asccurrrofc@osu.edu). The ASC Curriculum Office will forward the request to the appropriate committee.

Edward Adelman Edward Adelman 6-29-06  
5. COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE Printed Name Date

Stephanie Davidson Stephanie Davidson 5-23-06  
6. ARTS AND SCIENCES EXECUTIVE DEAN Printed Name Date

7. Graduate School (if appropriate) Printed Name Date

8. University Honors Center (if appropriate) Printed Name Date

9. Office of International Education (if appropriate) Printed Name Date