## Course Specification Form

**Department/School:** Centre for Criminology and Sociology  
**Academic Session:** 2010/2011  
**Course Title:** Risk Insecurity and Terrorism  
**Course Code:** CR3020  
**Availability:** Autumn/Spring  
**Status:** Optional  
**Pre-requisites:** Year 1 and 2 core programmes  
**Co-ordinator:** Professor David Denney

### Aims:
1. To provide students with an introduction to the study of global terrorism  
2. To examine the different perspectives on the history and development of terrorism.  
3. To provide students with an analysis of global responses to terrorism.  
4. To provide students with an understanding of the differentiated impact of terrorism on a global scale.

### Learning Outcomes:
1. An understanding of different criminological, sociological and psychological approaches to the study of terrorism.  
2. An ability to place terrorism in a policy context with specific reference to human rights.  
3. The confidence and competence to understand and critically examine debates and presentations of debates about threats posed by terrorism.

### Course Content:
1. What is terrorism?  
2. History of terrorism.  
3. Psychological explanations of terrorism.  
4. Terrorism and hostage taking.  
5. Suicide and terrorism.  
7. Belief, ideology and terrorism.  
8. Fear, Vulnerability and Terrorism.  
9. Risk and Terrorism.  
11. Emergence of the new terrorism.  
12. Responses to terrorism.  
13. Terrorism in Britain.  
14. The war on terror.  
15. Private military industry.  
16. Terrorism and Special Powers.  
17. Terrorism and international law.  
18. Terrorism and human rights.  
20. Revision session.

### Teaching & Learning Methods:
1 hour lecture weekly  
1 hour seminar weekly.
### Details of teaching resources on Moodle:

Course outlines, lecture structures, handouts in appropriate cases.

### Key Bibliography:

- Willan, Cullompton.

### Formative Assessment & Feedback:

- Feedback on seminar presentations
- Course evaluated by anonymous self-completion questionnaire

### Summative Assessment:

- **Exam** (2) (hours) unseen written exam in the summer term
- **Coursework** (40%) (2 essays) (2,500-3,000 words)
- **Deadlines:** As per the student handbook published at the start of term.

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