



Module Specification

Terrorism and Counter-terrorism: Law, Society and Policy

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Terrorism and Counter-terrorism: Law, Society and Policy

Module code: UJUUMB-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module will explore the range of complex legal, political and social facets from which modern terrorism has emerged and of which it is comprised. The module has a socio-legal focus and will adopt a multi-disciplinary approach that draws upon criminological literature in this area (for example, with regard to the study of the processes of radicalisation), alongside a critical consideration of the relevant law in this field. Such an approach will enable students to engage in

nanced analysis of the criminal justice response to the challenges of contemporary terrorism and will facilitate a recognition and understanding of the challenges faced by law enforcement, intelligence and government agencies. It will require students to engage in a continuing and detailed assessment of the nature and methodologies of terrorism, the counter-terrorism activities levelled against terrorist activity and the relevant law and justice responses.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The educational aims are to facilitate the legal, social and political analysis of terrorism and counterterrorism. This includes an assessment of the relevant law, policy and other relevant academic perspectives that inform the study of the phenomena of modern terrorism. The module takes account of counter-terrorism policies and procedures (including relevant legislation such as the Terrorism Act), Human Rights approaches and criminological/socio-legal perspectives.

Outline syllabus: The indicative syllabus for this module includes:

Conceptual analysis of terrorism (Socio-Legal)

The law of counter-terrorism

Terrorism and the media

Far-right terrorism and extremism

Comparative counter-terrorism law and policy

Domestic counter-terrorism and the relationship between law and policy

Terrorism and Human Rights law

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Face to face lectures, workshops, and drop in hours. The learning environment will be enhanced by a blackboard module page containing e-resources and a reading list to support independent study.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the theory and practice of a range of counter-terrorism approaches.

MO2 Conduct self-directed research with an ability to apply Socio-Legal knowledge in the course of examining the theoretical complexities of terrorism.

MO3 Demonstrate an ability to critically analyse the law and identify the problems and challenges that impact the ability of the state to respond effectively to the threat of terrorism.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 117 hours

Face-to-face learning = 33 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/15BAB4E2-8AF9-8767-CACB-22EE097A64B6.html?lang=en&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/15BAB4E2-8AF9-8767-CACB-22EE097A64B6.html?lang=en&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Students are to be assessed via a single written coursework submission (report) of 2500 words which will require them to review an area of counter-terror law and policy. In doing so, the assessment requires students to engage critically with real world problems and encourages them to think creatively about potential solutions to these (global) challenges.

Assessment components:

Report (First Sit)

Description: Students are to be assessed via a single written coursework submission (report) which will require them to review an area of counter-terror law and policy.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Report (Resit)

Description: Students are to be assessed via a single written coursework submission (report) which will require them to review an area of counter-terror law and policy.

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law [Villa] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law {Foundation} [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24