



Counterterrorism Law and Policy

Course Description

The Counterterrorism Law and Policy course introduces students to the strategies the United States, its allies and international organizations, such as the United Nations, use when combatting global terrorism. It covers many methods by which terrorism is combatted and surveys the relevant United States and international laws.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the relevant anti-terrorism laws and international laws regarding armed conflict
- Discuss the various ways in which suspected terrorists are detained
- Detail the processes by which suspected terror regimes are targeted financially, such as through economic sanctions and litigation
- Differentiate between customary international law and treaty law, and explain how each source of law contributes to the corpus of the international law of armed conflict
- Explain how international treaties and international organizations play roles in combatting terrorism

Final Exam

Grades and credit recommendations are based solely on a final exam. When students are ready to take the final exam, they should register for a LawShelf account (or simply log in, for those with existing accounts). Go to the video-course page and click “Take the Final Exam” and pay the exam fee, where applicable. Students will be given instructions on how to take the exam. All exams are proctored by the Voice Proctor® proctoring system. An overview of the system is [provided here](#) and it requires no training or learning curve. Grades of 70% or above are considered passing grades and qualify for recommended transfer credit.

The final exam is based on the video course modules. Additional resources detailed in this syllabus are helpful for background and for building greater understanding of the course materials.

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Case Studies

Many LawShelf video courses include case studies. These do not necessarily teach new material but are meant to demonstrate how the materials covered in the course are applied by various courts. Concepts covered in the case studies are covered on the final exam; so watching the case studies is necessary before taking the exam. However, it is unnecessary to memorize the facts and details of the cases covered in these case studies.

Self-Quizzes

Video-course modules and case studies feature self-quizzes that consist of practice questions on the materials covered in the videos. These questions are presented for the benefit of the student and are **important to review before taking the final exam** because they are similar in style and substance to the questions on the final exam. These quizzes are not graded or monitored and there is no record of how students answer these questions. Students may answer these questions as many times as they like and are encouraged to keep re-taking the quizzes until they have mastered all the questions.

Study Guide

Introductory Videos

These videos provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

The Insurrection Act and Use of the US Military on US Soil

<https://lawshelf.com/blogentryview/the-insurrection-act-and-use-of-the-us-military-on-us-soil/>

Sayfullo Saipov: Enemy Combatant, Terrorist or Just a Plain Criminal?

<https://lawshelf.com/blogentryview/sayfullo-saipov-enemy-combatant-terrorist-or-just-a-plain-criminal/>

Congressional and Presidential War Powers under the US Constitution

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/congressional-and-presidential-war-powers-under-the-us-constitution/>

Courseware Readings

These courseware readings provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Read the following sections of “Foundations of Law” courseware:

<https://lawshelf.com/coursewareview>: Introduction to the Law → The U.S.

- [Form of the U.S. Government](#)
- [Federalism and Separation of Powers](#)
- [Procedure in Criminal Cases](#)

Video Course Modules

These videos constitute the main part of the course and are they sources of the questions on the final exam.

Counterterrorism Law and Policy Introduction

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursescontentview/counterterrorism>

International Law of Armed Conflict and Combatting Terrorism - Module 1 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/international-law-of-armed-conflict-and-combatting-terrorism-module-1-of-5>

Capture and Detention of Terrorists - Module 2 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/capture-and-detention-of-terrorists-module-2-of-5>

Law Enforcement and Methods to Combat Terrorism - Module 3 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/law-enforcement-and-methods-to-combat-terrorism-module-3-of-5>

Economic Sanctions and Lawsuits Against Terrorists - Module 4 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/economic-sanctions-and-lawsuits-against-terrorists-module-4-of-5>

International Counterterrorism Efforts - Module 5 of 5

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/international-counterterrorism-efforts-module-5-of-5>