UNDERSTANDING TERRORISM AND THE TERRORIST THREAT

*A **free, online course** taught by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence based at the University of Maryland.*

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This free, online short course will explore questions relating to the **who, what, why** and **how** of terrorism studies by introducing students to cutting edge research and the experts investigating these topics. START will apply its multi-disciplinary and mixed-method approach to research in this course, utilizing theory and quantitative and qualitative research from a range of the social and behavioral sciences including Criminology, Psychology, Political Science, Sociology and Communications Studies.

Topics and Syllabus

Week 1: Dispelling Myths about Terrorism

Week 2: The Global Terrorism Database and Visualizing Terrorism Data

Week 3: Individual Radicalization

Week 4: Terrorist Group Dynamics

Week 5: Behaviors that Enable the Next Terrorist Attack

Week 6: Putting it All Together: Al-Qa'ida Case Study

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