

## Terrorism and Contemporary Conflict

**Modular value:** 20 credits

**Duration:** Term 2

**Teaching:** 2 hours per week

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This module will offer students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the sources, dynamics and consequences of political violence and terrorism, and to consider the significance of political violence and terrorism within the broader realm of politics and international relations (IR). It will also 'critically' analyze the policies and politics of preventing and countering terrorism at both the national and international levels.

Course aims:

- The manifestations of political violence and terrorism, including specific terrorist organizations, tactics and key events
- Debates regarding the prevention of terrorism, counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency policy, including
- The politics, legality and ethics of the 'war on terror' and the balance between public security and individual freedom

### Assessment

- Term two: 1 x 2000 word essay (25%)
- Term three: 3 hour examination (75%)

You may be interested in these degrees:

- [International Relations \(with specialist pathways\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/govsoc/international-relations.aspx) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/govsoc/international-relations.aspx>)
- [International Relations \(International Peacekeeping\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-peacekeeping.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-peacekeeping.aspx>)
- [International Relations \(Security\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-security.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-security.aspx>)
- [International Relations \(Terrorism and Political Violence\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-terrorism-political-violence.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-relations-terrorism-political-violence.aspx>)

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