

# Terrorist Organization: Project Instructions

- Selection** Due Sunday of Week 1 at 11:59PM Central
- Outline Part 1** Due Sunday of Week 3 at 11:59PM Central
- Outline Part 2** Due Sunday of Week 6 at 11:59PM Central
- Presentation** Due Tuesday of Week 9 at 11:59PM Central
- Feedback & Vote** Due Thursday of Week 9 at 11:59PM Central

**DISCLAIMER WARNING: This is an academic assignment being carried out as a course requirement at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC).**

**You are not to do anything which could be considered illegal, malicious, unethical, or harmful. Do not use any surreptitious or unscrupulous means to gather information for your project. This is an open source intelligence (OSINT) and research gathering project. Please do not photograph, record, or make unofficial entry into any location considered to be critical infrastructure, or otherwise sensitive in nature. If you want photos, recordings, or other information involving critical infrastructure, search for the information in the public domain. Do not take any action which could be considered suspicious or illegal, or which could subject you to criminal investigation and prosecution. Use common sense.**

## **Objectives:**

One of the goals of this course is for students to develop a clear understanding of terrorism and how it affects homeland security. This project is designed using the CRJ301 Course Competencies to ensure students are able to successfully complete the following tasks:

2. Demonstrate very clear written and oral skills that describe.
  - 2.1. Essential characteristics of national and international acts of terrorism.
  - 2.2. Factual information in order to coordinate law enforcement agencies.
  - 2.3. Explain the statutory authority of the government in terrorism related events.
5. Identify the characteristics, ideologies, motives, and behaviors of various extremist and terrorist groups.
  - 5.1. Explain how these characteristics foster and support terrorist activities.
  - 5.2. Explain how these characteristics foster and support criminal behaviors.

## **Selection:**

**(10 points)**

Your culminating project will be a presentation, based off the outlines provided, that will require you to research a domestic terrorist organization (DTO) or foreign terrorist organization (FTO). Each presentation will consist of a detailed profile of the chosen organization or Lone Wolf.

Choose from the provided list of possible topics in the project folder. Selections are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Your Selection will be due by Sunday of Week 1.** Create a thread in "Terrorist Organization: Selection" **discussion board**. The name of the organization or Lone Wolf you have chosen should be in the subject line of your post. There should be no duplicate selections. If a classmate has already selected an organization or Lone Wolf, it is no longer available. Let's also try to have an equal mix of domestic and foreign terrorist organizations.

You will need to do some basic research to answer the background questions posted in the discussion board instructions. Use the provided list of research sources in the project folder as a starting point. A minimum of one (1) scholarly research source will need to be cited properly in a References list in APA format. Websites with questionable reliability (e.g., Wikipedia, encyclopedia.com, britannica.com, history.com, etc.) are not scholarly in nature and may not be used as resources.

## **Outline:**

**(30 points)**

You will need to do additional research to answer the questions in the provided outlines. The outline is not a "paper" and should not be submitted in a narrative research paper format. Your outline will not be used as your final presentation, but it should be thorough enough to support your presentation. If properly done, your outline should make your presentation easier to complete.

Answer the questions in your own words, using complete sentences, and cite the sources where you obtained the information (use in-text citations in APA format). One-word answers and answers without explanation will result in a lower grade. Answers such as "no", "yes", "none", or N/A will not be accepted. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation is expected.

Your Reference list should include, but is not limited to, all the in-text citations you included in your answers. Remember, you need at least 4 sources for the project.

Under no circumstances should you copy any text from a source and present it as your own words. Use the following table as a guide to avoid plagiarism and/or cheating:

<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Cheating</b>
Including a brief quote, in quotation marks, from a web page with the source cited.	Copying entire pages or paragraphs and republishing it as your own (i.e., without quotation marks or attributing it to the author).
Using graphics from a free clip art or graphic site.	Using someone else’s graphics without permission.
Discussing an assignment with another student.	Copying another student’s work or file.
Looking at online sources or asking for a classmate’s help to figure out what to do.	Duplicating a classmate’s answers as your own, without performing the research or writing activity yourself.

**Part 1 of your Outline will be due by Sunday of Week 3 and Part 2 will be due by Sunday of Week 6.** The outlines must be submitted as a Word document attachment in their respective “Terrorist Organization: Outline Part 1” and “Terrorist Organization: Outline Part 2” **assignments**.

**Presentation: (50 points)**

You will create a presentation for your peers to review. It should be fact-based, interesting, and informative.

**PowerPoint is the required format for the presentation** (optionally with video) and it should NOT be saved on any public websites. **Use the provided PowerPoint template** with the same opening and closing disclaimer slides.

**Additional Requirements:**

1. **Design:** Feel free to adjust the design of the slides between the disclaimer slides that contain your presentation content. Do not change the design of the opening and closing disclaimer slides.
2. **Video:** If you also choose to create and use your own video, you will need to read the provided disclaimer statement from the PowerPoint template at the beginning and end of the video. Any video you make for the presentation will need to be uploaded through Blackboard to Kaltura, DMACC’s private video server (it should not be saved on any public websites).

3. **Length:** The PowerPoint should be around 15 slides, not including the two disclaimer slides and the References slide(s). Use as many slides as you need to cover the important information – hit the highlights.
4. **Content:**
  - a. The information on each slide should be as concise as possible. Aim for about 5 bullets per slide – more or less is fine but try not to get too text heavy.
  - b. Include interesting graphics, images, and/or videos to support and enhance your presentation.
  - c. All the topical areas from your outline *must* be included in summary form.
5. **References:** Your presentation must likewise include at least four (4) scholarly research sources in APA format in the References slide(s) at the end of the presentation.
6. **Grading:** Presentations will be graded on content, mechanics (e.g., spelling, typos, grammar, APA format), and graphic design. Please see the grading rubric for details.

The PowerPoint presentation must be submitted in the "Terrorist Organization: Presentation" **discussion board** as an attachment, optionally including the Kaltura video if you created one. Type *your own name* in the subject line of your post. **Your Presentation will be due by Tuesday of Week 9.**

## **Feedback & Vote: (10 points)**

View ALL of your classmates' presentations. This is important so you learn more about all the different topics, not just the one you researched. You are required to reply and offer feedback on a minimum of three (3).

After you review each of the presentations, complete the "Terrorist Organization: Feedback & Vote" survey. You will select the top 2-3 students you believe created the best presentations and briefly explain why.

**Your Vote will be due by Thursday of Week 16.** The top two students who receive the most votes will be awarded extra credit.

## **Grading Recap:**

Your project will be graded on content as well as grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Grading rubrics are provided for guidance. Use APA in-text citations and include a

References list at the end in proper APA format. You are required to use a minimum of four (4) scholarly research sources. If required components are missing, your project will not be graded.

<b>Project Part</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>
Selection	10 points
Outline	30 points
Presentation	50 points
Feedback & Vote	10 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>