Terror Organizations: Introduction
The modules in this class will examine the creation, evolution, modus operandi and political savvy of four major terrorist organizations and information on the growing terrorist organization ISIS.

Module 1
Knowing Al Qaeda
1. History, Key Dates and Events
2. Guiding Principles & Strategic Objectives
3. Recruiting & Funding
4. Training & Tactics
5. Leadership
6. Terror Web Sites: Perception Management, Funding & Recruiting
7. Future
Knowing Hamas
1. History, Key Dates and Events
2. Guiding Principles and Strategic Objectives
3. Recruiting & Funding
4. Training & Tactics
5. Leadership
6. Terror Web Sites: Perception Management, Funding & Recruiting
7. Future
Knowing Hezbollah
1. History, Key Dates and Events
2. Guiding Principles and Strategic Objectives
3. Recruiting & Funding
4. Training & Tactics
5. Leadership
6. Terror Web Sites: Perception Management, Funding & Recruiting
7. Future

Module 2
Knowing the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)
1. History, Key Dates and Events
2. Guiding Principles & Strategic Objectives
3. Recruiting & Funding
4. Training & Tactics
5. Leadership
6. Terror Web Sites: Perception Management, Funding & Recruiting
7. Future
The Rhetoric of Terror: From the Mouths of the Leaders
1. Osama bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi
2. Sheikh Ahmed Yassin
3. Hassan Nasrallah
4. Velupillai Prabhakaran
Nation State Support of Terror
1. Iran
2. Syria
3. Pakistan
SUPPLEMENT: ISIS (THE ISLAMIC STATE IN IRAQ AND SYRIA): A growing terrorist organization

Learning Outcomes from these modules:
Students will:
1. Possess a sound, working knowledge of the history, evolution, and strategic objectives of four of the world’s most infamous terrorist organizations: Al Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah and the Tamil Tigers.
2. Understand the political and religious factors that fuel each of these terror groups.
3. Comprehend how these terror organizations recruit new members and sustain their rank and file.
4. Know the modus operandi of each terror organization by examining the major attacks carried out by each of them.
5. Understand the major sources of funding that sustain each of these terror organizations.
6. Realize the strengths and weaknesses inherent in each of the terror groups.
7. Gain an appreciation for how the leaders of these terror organizations think by reading their own words.
8. Appreciate how well terror organizations can work within legitimate social and political systems in order to defeat them.