



New Agents Training Program
Counterterrorism Division
Combating Terrorism Center – Section 5
Curriculum Map



Block Description: These seventeen individual blocks of instruction present an overview of International Terrorism, to include a focus on understanding the origins of Islam, the development of Sunni Islamism and associated extremist groups, the development of Shi'i extremism and associated groups, methods of terrorist radicalization, and understanding Diaspora communities. This block of instruction is provided by the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) out of West Point.

Block time: 4 Hours.

Pre-requisite Block(s):

- 1) Combating Terrorism Center – Section 1.
- 2) Combating Terrorism Center – Section 2.
- 3) Combating Terrorism Center – Section 3.
- 4) Combating Terrorism Center – Section 4.

Requisite Block(s): None.

Instructional Goal:

Block 15

To provide the student with an overview of a retired Agent's experience investigating al-Qa'ida. Former Special Agent Coleman's Bureau career spanned a period of more than 31 years, during which time he was a counterintelligence and counterterrorism investigator, worked on the New York Field Office Joint Terrorism Task Force, and was [redacted] to assist in pursuing bin Laden. Former Special Agent Coleman's al-Qa'ida-related work involved investigation of the organization's role in Somalia in 1993, the U.S. Embassy attacks of 1998, the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000, and the attacks of September 11th. Former Special Agent Coleman will detail his experience with the case and provide trainees with information useful to conducting successful counterterrorism investigations.

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Block 16

To provide the student with a case study of a Hizballah operation conducted in the United States. Students will learn how investigative techniques [redacted] are used to build a case against a terrorist organization. Evidence gathered during this investigation will be shown to further demonstrate this point.

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Instructional Objectives:

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- 1) [redacted] against a terrorist entity.
- 2) [redacted]
- 3) Describe bin Laden's role in global terrorism from the early 1990s to the attacks of September 11th.
- 4) [redacted]

Block 16

- 1) Discuss effective investigative techniques used in this investigation against terrorist organizations such as Hizballah
- 2) Describe how international terrorist groups use criminal endeavors to support their operation, and how investigators can use criminal statutes in terrorism related cases
- 3) Discuss how interagency and international cooperation are essential for effective counterterrorism operations domestically

Instructional Strategies:

- 1) Lecture.
- 2) Question and Answer.
- 3) Video.

Classroom Requirements:

- 1) UNCLASS computer with Power Point for instructor.
- 2) Projector and screen.
- 3) Whiteboard.

Supplemental Materials:

- 1) Power Point presentation (UNCLASS).
- 2) CTC International Terrorism notebook.
- 3) Terrorism and Political Islam textbook.
- 4) Survey of Prevalent Al-Qa'ida Manuals handout.
- 5) The Big Three Group Summaries handout.

Assignments: None.

Key Points for Instructors: This block of instruction is provided by the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) out of West Point.