

PSCI 115 & MLAS CORE SEMINAR – TERRORISM

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Reference Books – Encyclopedias that provide short articles about events, groups, and people.

Encyclopedia of World Terrorism. Edited by Frank Shanty, Raymond Picquett, and John Lalla. (Ref. HV6431.E53 2003)

Volume 1 focuses on terrorism from 1996 to 2002, especially on 9/11, but also in other parts of the world.
Volume 2 includes the text of documents on terrorism from c. 75 CE to 2002.

Encyclopedia of Terrorism. Harvey W. Kushner. (Ref. HV6431.K883 2003)

Covers the twentieth century.

General journal, magazine, or newspaper articles: Start in a periodical database like ProQuest which provides popular and scholarly articles on many topics.

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LexisNexis Academic, 1973-. (Database)

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CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online) (Database)

Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs and economic indicators, and maps and country data. To search for more than one term, put a plus sign in front of each. Provides links to more than 160 related sites and to the home pages of contributing institutions. **Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

Specialized Political Science journal or magazine articles: If ProQuest and doesn't have what you need for your assignment, consider a more specialized database for scholarly articles on your topic.

Library home page → "Find Articles and Databases" (upper right) → "Need an article on a topic?" → Enter database name into search box.

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA), 1975-, and ***PAIS International***, 1972-.

WPSA is the main database for Political Science and concentrates on scholarly articles. PAIS focuses on public policy and current issues and includes popular as well as scholarly articles. **You can search both WPSA and PAIS at the same time. Click on "change: specific databases" and click on both WPSA and PAIS. E-mail: citations.**


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Studies in Conflict & Terrorism (<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713742821~db=all>)

Covers both theoretical and empirical studies of the origins and implications of conflict in the 21st Century and of new approaches and solutions to countering the growth and escalation of sub-state violence.

Terrorism and Political Violence (<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713636843~db=all>)

Scholarly work from many disciplines and theoretical perspectives. Focuses on the political meaning of terrorist activity and publishes studies of various related forms of violence by rebels and by states, on the links between political violence and organized crime, protest, rebellion, revolution, and human rights.

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Websites: Library home page → "Get Help with Research" (lower right) → "Guides and Tutorials"

Terrorism: Attacks and Responses (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/terrorism.html>)

Includes a section on "Terrorist Organizations," for information about individual groups and a section on "Past Terrorist Attacks."

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