

AJ 134 ORGANIZED CRIME. (course number 00231)
MH 526, T/TH, 0900-1015 hrs.
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Course Description: an examination of the definitions of organized crime, its component parts, activities, criminal and other, and various other groups engaged in the activities associated with organized crime (OC). Exploration of the distinctions between crime that is organized and that labelled organized crime (OC). Regional differences (worldwide and nationally), special aspects unique to spatial difference, international and national implications, countermeasures and laws explored. The special roles of culture and politics in originating and maintaining the phenomena, both in the criminal and in the organizational senses are discussed.

Office and Hours: the instructor is available for consultation on T/TH at 0700-0730 hours and 1145-1345 hours. Office is MH 521. The office phone is 408 924 1350. The office fax machine is 408 924 2953. E-mail is unsinger@email.sjsu.edu. The phone, fax and e-mail are checked twice a week during office hours (about 1200 hrs). In essence, phoning, faxing or e-mailing the instructor in an emergency will depend on when monitoring of messages occurs.

Textbook: There is no one textbook selected for the class. The field of organized crime has been thoroughly explored in books, articles and newspaper accounts. There have even been several documentaries on television that have been quite accurate. The library and even the internet is an excellent source of information about the topic or specific areas of interest.

Attendance: There is a strong correlation between attending class and receiving a high score on exams and the paper. Attendance is sometimes taken by the instructor and kept for his own records.

Grades and Grading: there are a term paper and examinations used to collect information for giving a course grade. The term paper carries a weight of 100 points and there are two examinations, each carrying a weight of 50 points. A total of 200 points are possible. The dates when the paper is turned in and when exams are taken are listed in the course schedule. There is also a make-up day for those who cannot take an exam at a regular hour for whatever reason. There is no excuse for a late paper as a "window" for submission is provided. On a separate sheet the criteria for a paper is provided.

Care should be exercised on any written work. This is a university and the organization and mechanics of writing should be at that level. The same care should be exercised in noting the sources of material whether drawn from a book, video, internet or news story.

Letter grades are assigned according to the following:

A+ = 200-197; A = 196-188; A- = 187-185; B+ = 184-181; B = 180-174; B- = 173-170;
C+ = 169-167; C = 166-130; C- = 129-120; D+ = 119-116; D = 115-105; D- = 104-100;
F = 99 and below.

Class Safety: A review of university safety procedures will be made. Students should familiarize themselves with the procedures.

Schedule:

29 Aug (t) Introduction to the class; course requirements explained; Definitions (both academic and operational)

31 Aug (th) Theoretical Constructs – the Leites and Wolf Model explained

5 Sep (t) Origins of OC in American History

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12 Sep (t) video “Prohibition;” submission of paper’s subject on 3x5 card

14 Sep (th) The Immigration Phenomena – Legal and Illegal

19 Sep (t) video “The Snakeheads”

21 Sep (th) Transnational Crime: Piracy and Phantom Shipping

26 Sep (t) OC in Australia

28 Sep (th) OC in Japan & Korea

3 Oct (t) Developing OC in Eastern Europe

5 Oct (th) Southeast Asian OC

10 Oct (t) Transnational Crime – Narcotics Trafficking

12 Oct (th) Transnational Crime – Narcotics Trafficking

17 Oct (t) Transnational Crime – Arms Trafficking

19 Oct (th) Other Criminal Groups – Bikers, Ethnic and Politicians

24 Oct (t) The Sex Industry – Real and Imagined

26 Oct (th) mid-term examination

31 Oct (t) Labor Organizing and the Mob

2 Nov (th) Gambling

7 Nov (t) video “The Mob at Work” (instructor will be in Bangkok)

9 Nov (th) video “Birthright of Gangsters” (instructor will be in Bangkok)

14 Nov (t) Special Groups: TF, NGOs and Investigating Bodies

16 Nov (th) Special Groups: Intelligence (LEIUs and FINCEN); Ferret Group (HK)

21 Nov (t) Asset Seizure; video “Cash Reporting”

23 Nov (th) Thanksgiving Holiday

28 Nov (t) Money Laundering – Processes and Offshore Banking
30 Nov (th) video “ Money Laundering”

5 Dec (t) Product Counterfeiting
7 Dec (th) course final examination

12 Dec (t) make-up day for examination(s).

13 Dec (w) turn in paper by 0930 hrs.