

Fall Term 2001.  
Class: 134 Organized Crime  
TTh, 1030-1145 hrs. Room MH 526.

Instructor and Office Hours: Peter Charles Unsinger. MH 521. TTh 0730-0900 and 1615-1715 hrs. Should the unlikely event occur that one should have to contact the instructor, he can be reached at 408 824 1350 during his office hours. The email, monitored only during office hours, is [unsinger@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:unsinger@email.sjsu.edu).

Course Description: This is an introductory course on organized crime. Definitions and an analytical format will be examined. Specific ethnic characteristics (foreign) will be examined. Specific areas of activity will also be examined like unions, drug and product counterfeiting will be examined. Special attention will be given to the concept of transnational crime in functional areas like piracy. Also examined will be the role of politics in the creation of organized crime demons.

Textbook: There is no textbook assigned to this class. The library and the bookstore have many fine volumes that are useful in the study of organized crime. Also, the various 'search engines' on one's home computer can be employed with results ranging from fact to opinion to outright distortion. Students are expected to augment their class materials. A short list of newspaper computer sites will be provided for starters.

Course format: Basically, the mode of delivery is lecture with the proliferate use of 35mm slides. Students should augment their lecture notes with the exploration of books on the topics and use of the computer. At appropriate points, essay examinations, using 'bluebooks,' will be used for grading purposes. There will be two exams given during the term and a final exam. Each exam is worth 100 pts. Students are encouraged to share sources but are reminded of predatory fellow students who take and then contribute nothing.

Grading: Essay exams are employed. There will be several questions asked and students may choose from amongst several questions the one(s) they will address. A word of caution, the period for exams is about 75mins, so attention should be apportioned. An exam grading criteria sheet will be distributed and will show just how points are apportioned when essays are being graded.

'BLUEBOOKS' will be employed. The instructor does not supply them nor does he sell them. So, see the bookstore for your needs.

Missing an examination is a serious matter. Taking an exam after others have taken it gives an undue advantage to the 'late-taker,' to say nothing about the inconvenience to the instructor. Therefore, a make up day is assigned (12 Dec 01) and the late exam taker will receive a penalty of five (5) points.

An instructor's absence: Sometime in November the instructor will be in Bangkok at an Asian Conference on product counterfeiting and copyright violation. The dates of absence are still unknown so the schedule in November is not firm.

**EMERGENCY MEASURES:**

In the event of an evacuation, use the stairs down. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.** If for any reason you cannot use the stairs unassisted, notify the instructor so arrangements can be made.

Campus Emergency Phone is located in the front of the class and the emergency number is 911.

**Schedule:**

Aug. 28 Course Introduction

Aug. 30 Definitions of Organized Crime

Sep. 04 Politicalization of Organized Crime

Sep. 06 Leites and Wolf Model of Organized Crime as an Insurgency

Sep. 11 Origins and development in the USA

Sep. 13 Origins and development in the USA

Sep. 14 Last Day to Drop Course w/o Entry on Permanent Record

Sep. 18 video: "Prohibition."

Sep. 20 Immigration: Legal and Illegal

Sep. 25 transnational crime – piracy & phantom shipping

Sep. 27 video: "The Snakeheads"

Oct. 02 the 1<sup>st</sup> examination

Oct. 04 OC in Australia

Oct. 09 OC in Japan and Korea

Oct. 11 OC in S.E. Asia

Oct. 16 Russian and Eastern European OC

Oct. 18 Product counterfeiting

Oct. 23 Narcotics - the transnational crime

Oct. 25 Narcotics – the transnational crime

Oct. 30 Sex Industry – the supposed transnational crime

Nov. 01 video: "Bought and Sold"

Nov. 06 Asset Seizure & Money Laundering

Nov. 08 video: "BCCI"

Nov. 13 Legitimacy and the IRS

Nov. 15 video: "Money Laundering in Boston"

Nov. 20 video: "Birthright of Gangsters"

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov. 27 Unions and Organized Crime

Nov. 29 video: "The Mob at Work."

Dec. 04 Governmental Response – the Institutions

Dec. 06 Agency Responses

Dec. 11 Intelligence Units – LEIUs, FINCEN, Ferit, GCB (Nevada)

Dec. 12 Make-up Examinations at 0930hrs in MH 523.

Dec. 14 Friday. Final Examination @ 0945 hrs. -