

AJ 134-ORGANIZED CRIME

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Required Text:

Abadinsky, H. (1994) ORGANIZED CRIME 4th Ed. (Nelson-Hall);
hereafter OC

Objectives:

The goals of this course are to introduce students to:

1. Definitions & theories of organized crime
2. The history of organized crime in America
3. Media images of organized crime
4. Organized crime's relationship to other types of crime
5. policies designed to combat organized crime

Logistics:

I propose that course grades be determined by the following criteria, each counting one-third of the final grade:

- 1) a midterm examination
- 2) a final examination
- 3) a term project on some aspect of organized crime, the suggestions and directions for which will be discussed in depth in class

Finally, please note the reading assignments below. I consider the information in the text a useful guide for students. I assume everyone has read it. This means that I will not merely follow along with the text, but will summarize what you need to know and explore what I believe is significant about the issues we study. I ALSO URGE STUDENTS TO REGULARLY ATTEND CLASS,. HOWEVER, I WILL NOT TAKE ATTENDANCE, AND PLEASE DO NOT CALL ME TO TELL ME YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN CLASS. IF YOU MISS CLASS, GET THE NOTES FROM ANOTHER STUDENT, OR COME SEE ME IN AN OFFICE HOUR.

STUDENT CONDUCT:

NOTE: YOUR INSTRUCTOR IS BLESSED\CURSED WITH EXCEPTIONALLY ACUTE HEARING, AND HAS EXTREMELY LOW TOLERANCE OF EXTRANEOUS NOISE. NO WHISPERING, NOTE PASSING, OR OTHER DISTRACTIVE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED DURING CLASS LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS. STUDENT CLASS PARTICIPATION IS VERY MUCH ENCOURAGED, AND STUDENT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. RUDENESS IN THE FORM OF DISRUPTION IS UNFAIR TO BOTH THE INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENTS DESIRING TO LEARN. IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, AND THOSE STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO REFRAIN FROM DISRUPTIVE NOISE DURING CLASS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

<u>Week #</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1	Definitions & Structure of OC	OC, CH. 1
2	Theories of OC	OC, CH. 2

3	HISTORY 1: EARLY OC	OC, PP.
4	HISTORY 2: EARLY ITALIAN OC	OC, PP.
5	HISTORY 3: THE CAPONE ERA	OC, PP.
6	HISTORY 4: THE POST CAPONE ERA	OC, PP
7	THE NEW ORGANIZED CRIME	OC, CH. 5

MIDTERM EXAMINATION ON CHAPTERS 1-5

8	OC ACTIVITIES: VICE	OC, CH. 6
9	OC ACTIVITIES: DRUGS	OC, CH. 7
10	OC & ECONOMIC ELITES	OC, CH. 8
11	OC & CORRUPTION	CLASS HANDOUT
12	OC & THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY	HANDOUT
13	LAWS AGAINST OC	OC, CH. 9
14	OC POLICY	OC, CH. 10