

**Organized Crime - AJ 134
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Room: MH 526

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Course Description:

This is a course on organized crime. Descriptions and definitions will be given of both organized crime and crime that is organized. Also, a theoretical and analytical model of the Leites and Wolf work will be explained. The history and background of organized crime in the USA will be provided along with some examination of a few of the activities they engage in and the characteristics of those activities. Also, foreign organized crime will be examined in some depth, particularly those in Asia and Pacific region. Details about certain governmental responses, such as asset seizures and the attempts to suppress money laundering, will be examined as well as the general responses on the part of local and federal governments.

Textbook:

There is no textbook for this course. Many fine books can be found in the library, in local secondhand bookstores and over the internet.

In this course the use of the computer as a research tool is a key element separating the average student from those who are above average. The use of computer information as an enhancement to essay writings will be explained as part of the grading process.

The National Coalition for the Prevention of Economic Crime has a DVD available. The instructor has three personal ones and the AJ Department has ordered a fourth. These may be borrowed for self-study. It is recommended you avail yourselves of the CD item to assist you in any computer search you conduct. Remember, these belong to the instructor and the department so care should be exercised in their use, used as quickly as possible for the benefit of others and returned to their owners (AJ Department and the instructor).

Testing:

There will be three examinations (one of them the final exam). They are essay Exams and a Blue Book will be used. The instructor does not have Blue Books. Don't Forget to bring one to each exam. They can be purchased at the bookstore.

Essays are written from questions derived from the class lecture and discussion. In order to be graded higher than just average, research conducted by the student in the library or over the computer should be used when applicable in essay answers.

Grading:

Each examination will be worth 100 points. Final grades are determined by adding the three examination scores and then dividing by three. Grades are assigned according to the traditional standard: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, etc. The plus/minus are assigned to the two bordering the next highest grade and the two just over the line. Thus, 78-79 are C+ and 80-81 are B-.

Grading Standards will be explained on the first day of class. At that time a sample grading sheet with the criteria employed in assigning points will be passed out and explanation of each criteria made. These should be borne in mind when writing a=your answer to the examination question. If you should miss this first meeting when the criteria are explained or have any question, see the instructor during posted office hours.

Attendance:

Desiring to either "dumb down" the university students or increase parking for faculty in the garage, the Academic Senate made it policy that required attendance cannot be a criterion for grading. However, failure to attend and attend on a regular basis can only result in problems for the student. The instructor, for instance, will only describe grading policy once in class.

Enhancements will only be described once as well. Failure to correctly get the information means one has to rely on others and this is a notoriously poor way to obtain accurate information. So, attend. Little or no sympathy is shown those who do not attend. One might even notice a certain coldness to those who attend on a sporadic basis.

Note: any examination to be made up because of the failure to attend will be given at the time and place of the instructor's convenience. Also, a different and stringent standard of grading will be applied since the questions have been compromised.

Schedule:

January

- 24 Class Introduction; class safety described; grading policy explained
- 29 Definitions of Organized Crime
- 31 Definitions con't; Theoretical Model of Organized Crime described.

February

- 05 History of American Organized Crime (pre-Prohibition)
- 07 History of American Organized Crime (post-prohibition)
- 12 Video: Prohibition
- 14 National & Regional Response to Organized Crime
- 19 Asset Seizures; Organized Crime in Legitimate Business; Las Vegas gambling
- 21 Examination #1
- 26 Transnational Crime: Product Counterfeiting
- 28 Transnational Crime: Piracy and Phantom Ships

March

- 05 Transnational Crime: Narcotics (pre WWII)
- 07 Transnational Crime: Narcotics (Post WWII)
- 12 Transnational Crime: The Sex Industry
- 14 Foreign Organized Crime: Russia and Eastern Europe
- 19 Foreign Organized Crime: Australia
- 21 Foreign Organized Crime: Japan
- 26 Spring Break (instructor in Manila and Taipei)
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April

- 02 Foreign Organized Crime: Cambodia and Thailand
- 04 Foreign Organized Crime: Southeast Asia
- 09 Foreign Organized Crime: Macau, Hong Kong & Taiwan; video "Initiation Rites."
- 11 Transnational Crime: Illegal Immigration; video "Snakeheads."
- 16 Examination #2
- 18 U.S. Government Response to threat.
- 23 Video: The Mob at Work – Labor Racketeering (Instructor in Singapore).
- 25 Video: Birthright of the Mob – Gambling (Instructor in Singapore).
- 30 Stocks and Bonds; the industry's reporting and corporate intelligence system.

May

- 02 Money Laundering; video on Mandatory Asset Reporting
- 07 Offshore Banking; video on BCCI
- 09 State and Local Agencies Response to Organized Crime
- 14 Last day of instruction; Intelligence Units in Law Enforcement (gov't & pvt)
- 21 final examination @ 0945hrs