

# AJ 134 Organized Crime

Fall 2003 Term.

## Course Coverage:

This class covers a variety of topics on Organized Crime and to what is now being referred to as “transnational criminal activity.” There will be a close look at immigration as much of organized crime took root in immigrant communities and later blossomed. Some strengthened and some disappeared. Attention will be given to diverse topics such as definitions, activities and responses on the part of government and specific agencies to the phenomena. The foreign elements, known as foreign organized crime, impact global markets and operations and policies of government and they will be explored. Other topics will also be examined. Some reference will be made to those activities that are criminal but underwrite other criminal activity like terrorism.

## Classroom:

MH520. Class Code Number is 40090 and is being offered at 0730-0845 hours.

## Instructor:

Peter Charles Unsinger. Has some work experience in law enforcement aspects of organized crime. While a sheriff's reserve deputy in the 1970s, he was assigned to OCCIS unit. His work in aviation and maritime matters has placed him a position to acquire considerable knowledge of organized crime and transnational criminal activity. He has received considerable information from briefings and classified information of a variety of these activities concerning smuggling, narcotics production and distribution, illegal movement of people and other activities. While serving in Australian Federal Police, assisted ABCI in development of models for analysis. Concurrently, he has worked closely with groups, including NGOs and semi-official bodies in examining aspects of organized criminal activity such as product counterfeiting and money laundering and its suppression. The majority of his field work has been in S.E. Asia.

## Office and Hours:

Office is MH 521. Hours are MW @ 1015-1115 hrs., TTh @ 0845-1045 hours and Th @ 1630-1730 hrs.

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## Textbook:

There is really no “good” textbook. Therefore, there is no textbook. There is a vast literature, current and historical, on organized crime and transnational crime. Some of the material is housed in the library and some of it is accessible through use of internet sources.

For the serious student, a quick and serious probe of library sources and sites on the internet will provide considerable relevant and material readings to augment that given in the classroom. Amazing how much will be revealed with a focused search.

Another reason a text is not selected is because the topics selected for examination are so broad in some instances and so focused in others, that no one book on the topic is currently available. The criminal activity is vibrant – ever shifting and moving to market and law enforcement forces that little is stationary long enough to be of use to anyone. Lastly, textbooks are expensive and one feels they must always test on them. This leads to exams that simply measure reading comprehension and retention – very poor indicators of learning and contribute little to becoming an analytical and functioning scholar.

### Course Requirements:

There are three basic works a student will engage in: two examinations, paper and a Power Point presentation. Each is worth some 25% of their grade (discussed below). Examinations allow you to quickly assemble facts, develop inferences and then place your conclusions in some logical fashion. The paper allows you to do the same but not in as quick a manner but with considerable care in researching material and applying it. Lastly, a power point presentation forces one to consider a topic and decide within certain restraints – explanation, relevancy and materiality. Each work replicates real world, not reading comprehension and retention.

### Grading and Course Workload:

As mentioned above, examinations, paper and power point are each worth 25%. San Jose State University has a grading criteria simply explained as: EXCELLENT = A (about 5-10% of a group), ABOVE AVERAGE = B (about the next 10-15% of a group), AVERAGE = C (the remaining group showing the abilities, knowledge and skills necessary to satisfactorily compete the work), BELOW AVERAGE = D (those who have some difficulty in meeting the abilities, knowledge and skills of the course work) and FAILURE = F (those who show no ability, knowledge or skills necessary to complete the work).

Grades are assigned to one grade category or another. The instructor has discretion in instances where there is more or less people in each grading percentile.

### Slide and Video Presentations:

Most of the lecture periods will have slide presentations that have been developed using the power point technique. The photographs are drawn from multiple sources, including the BBC excellent daily news. Some are from the instructor's private collection.

The videos are from commercially available sources. They can, on occasion, be purchased from commercially available stock.

Missed class and you want to borrow them? Purge that thought from your mind.

### Safety Issues Discussed.

## Schedule:

26 August First class meeting. Introduction to the course and the instructor. Grading criteria explained and questions entertained at this time.

28 August Definitions of Organized Crime.

2 September video on Organized Crime

4 September Slide Presentation: History of Organized Crime in USA (Introduction)

9 September Slide Presentation: History of Organized Crime in USA (continued)

11 September Slide Presentation: History of Organized Crime in USA (continued)

12 September Last Day to Drop Course without Entry on Record.

16 September Slide Presentation: Narcotics

18 September Slide Presentation: Gun/Ivory/Human Organs

19 September Last Day to Add Class and Register Late.

23 September Slide Presentation: Gambling

25 September Slide Presentation: Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

30 September Slide Presentation: Sex Activities (USA)

2 October Slide Presentation: Sex Activities (Foreign)

7 October Slide Presentation: Illegal Immigration

9 October video: Illegal Immigration.

14 October Slide Presentation: Money Laundering

16 October Mid-term Examination

21 October video: illegal movement of women for immoral purposes

23 October video: response to OC by American L.E.

28 October Slide Presentation: Piracy

30 October Slide Presentation: Organized Crime: Macau

- 4 November Slide Presentation: Gibraltar
- 6 November Slide Presentation: Ciudad del Este (role of border cities in crime)
- 10 November 228<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Marine Corps
- 11 November Slide Presentation: The Yakuza
- 13 November Slide Presentation: Australia (North Coast Study + OC development)
- 18 November Slide Presentation: The Chinese
- 20 November Slide Presentation: Russian
- 25 November Slide Presentation: Hong Kong
- 27 November Thanksgiving Holiday.
- 2 December Slide Presentation: Cambodia and Thailand
- 4 December Slide Presentation: Regional Study – Sabah Coastal
- 9 December Last Class of the Term. Slide Presentation: Phantom Shipping
- 10 December Study/Conference Day
- 17 December Final Examination @ 0715 hrs.
- 19 December Final Examination Make-Up Day.
- 22 December Grades Due.