

Sec 01
134 Organized Crime. 0730-0845 hrs. MH 520
Course Code # 00219

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Qualifications: From 1972-76 assigned to the Organized Crime and Criminal Information Section of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Dept. Worked as CPOA Representative to the ISAASP from 1978-1995. Miscellaneous work in Singapore, Taiwan and Australia. Life Member of the Assoc. of Former Intel. Officers. Worked from 1983-1991 with various Australian Government agencies (State and Federal). Associated with the International Maritime Bureau and the Commercial Crimes Bureau of the International Chamber of Commerce (London). Continued field study in S.E. Asia on criminal activity ranging from illegal immigration, arms trafficking, smuggling and product counterfeiting. Frequent consulting work where terrorists and organized criminals blend.

Course Description:

An examination of the phenomena referred to as organized crime. Also, crime that is organized is also examined. Several ethnic varieties, national and specialized organized criminal organizations are closely examined. Special activities requiring high organizational skills in crime are also closely examined.

Text Book:

There is no text book in this course. There is however a fairly large holdings in the library and on the internet available to augment the lectures and slide presentations in the course. Students should use these resources for gaining further understanding of the course topics.

Many second hand book shops have used copies of texts and other historical/special studies of organized crime.

It is a given that students will pursue the topic beyond the material covered in the classroom.

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Use phone sparingly as it costs to return phone calls. Be sure the contact is really necessary. Also, since the instructor is here only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, many phone calls cannot be returned in time to solve whatever problem necessitated the call.

University Safety Features:

Each class room is equipped with a telephone for emergency purposes. The emergency number on campus is 911.

Should the classroom need to be evacuated, use the stairways. Avoid elevators. If you have any difficulty using a stairway, advise the instructor so other arrangements can be made for your evacuation.

Course Requirements:

There are a combination of exams, practical exercise and papers used for grading purposes.

(1) The three exams are written (essay) in an 8.5X11 inch blue book. They are general questions requiring students to provide an opinion or overview of fact with supporting facts. (60% of grade)

(2) The two papers are short (5-10 page) expositions of some overall, historical or specific aspect of an organized criminal activity (i.e., loan sharking, labor racketeering, etc.). They should follow standard footnote/endnote practices. (20% of grade)

(3) The practical exercise is a computer one. Using the "PowerPoint" format used in presentations in the classroom, the student should develop a power point presentation (10-20 "slides") on some aspect of organized crime (ethnic crime, law enforcement activity, etc.). Consider the presentation as a briefing. (20% of grade)

Grading Criteria: individual exam/paper scores and the class final grades. Generalized statements.

A: Excellent (Mastery of material: Thorough familiarity with course content and ability to apply concepts to material not covered in class).

The top 10% of the class.

B: Above Average (Understanding of material; good familiarity with course content and ability to manipulate concepts within the course context).

The next 20% of the class.

C: Average (Meets minimum standards; general familiarity with course content and ability to repeat lecture and reading notes on tests; papers are mostly descriptive).

The majority or 60% of the class.

D. Below Average (Needs further work to bring it up to minimum standards).

The lowest 10% of the class.

F. Failure (Assignments/Tests not completed/serious lack of understanding of material).

Not considered in class curve.

Other grading criteria:

Beside mastery of material, there are other factors considered in grading. Some of these would be: grammar and spelling, materiality/relevancy of material, organization and degree of difficulty, to name a few. A more fuller and other criteria will be discussed at the first class meeting during the introduction.

Crucial Study Note:

There is a strong correlation between attendance and being in the upper percentile in grades. Also, the use of materials found outside the classroom is highly recommended.

Lateness?

The paper and power point can be turned in anytime prior to the dues date. Therefore, there is NO excuse for being late.

Examinations made up are exams on compromised information. So, the exam will not be graded higher than the average score.

Class Schedule:

27 Aug. Course Introduction. Description of criteria used in grading exams, papers and power point exercise. Definitions of Terms.

29 Aug. The Nathan Leites/Charles Wolf Model applied to Organized Crime.

03 Sep. History of Organized Crime in the United States.

05 Sep. Continuation of 3 September

10 Sep. Continuation of 3 September.

12 Sep. Immigration's Role in Organized Crime.

17 Sep. Outlaw Motorcycle Groups

19 Sep. Piracy and Phantom Shipping

24 Sep. 1st Examination

26 Sep. Japan's Yakuza.

01 Oct. Russian/Eastern European Organized Crime

03 Oct. Asian Organized Crime (Chinese Groups)

08 Oct. First Paper is Due. S.E. Asian Organized Crime.

10 Oct. Australian Organized Crime

15 Oct. Video: Birthright of Gangsters. Gambling.

17 Oct. Video: Organized Crime at Work. Labor Racketeering

22 Oct. 2d Examination.

24 Oct. Gambling USA

29 Oct. Labor Racketeering

31 Oct. Video: Biography of Louis Lepke et al.

05 Nov. Video: Demise of the Jewish Gangster (Kosher Nostra).

07 Nov. Labor Racketeering USA; DoL regulatory powers.

12 Nov. The Sex Trade.

14 Nov. Sex Trade continued and Guns Trafficking.

19 Nov. 2d Paper is Due. Counterfeit Products.

21 Nov. Narcotics Trafficking.

26 Nov. Law Enforcement's Reaction – The Task Force.

28 Nov Thanksgiving

03 Dec. Law Enforcement Intelligence.

05 Dec. Commissions, Public Entities and Congressional Probes.

10 Dec. 3d Paper is Due. Power Point Exercise is due. Legalized Gambling Enforcement.

Final Examination: Monday, 16 December, @ 0715 hrs.