

SYLLABUS
ORGANIZED CRIME
CRJU-C375-Z51

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Lecture: Wednesdays 6:15-10:15 PM BO 214B

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Course Description: This course is intended to introduce the students to understanding what Organized Crime is and the various ethnic organizations and criminal enterprises that make up Organized Crime. The students will also learn how various investigations into Organized Crime have helped law enforcement understand the Mafia. Finally, students will learn how corrupt government officials, politicians and businesspeople help Organized Crime thrive and the efforts law enforcement has in place to end Organized Crime.

Text: Organized Crime, 2nd Edition, Lyman and Potter.

Grading Policy: The students' grades will be broken down as follows:

Midterm: 40%

Class Participation: 10%

Final Examination: 50%

100-95 = A+; 94-90 = A; 89-85 = B+; 84-80 = B;

79-75 = C+; 74-70 = C; 69-65 = D+; 64-60 = D; anything below 60 = F.

Attendance Policy: Students cannot miss more than one class, or final grade will be lowered by one letter grade.

Assignments: Prior to coming to class, the students should read the chapters that will be discussed on that particular day and be prepared to discuss the same. This includes reading Chapter One to be prepared for class on the first day.

Disability Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations

Statement: in this class are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services at 865-2990 as soon as possible to ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

October 15, 2003

Introduction to course. Chapter 1 discussion: Understanding Organized Crime

October 22, 2003

Chapter 2: Theories of Organized Criminal Behavior

Chapter 3: The Evolution of Organized Crime

October 29, 2003

Chapter 3, continued.

Chapter 4: The Businesses of Organized Crime

Film: Mafia Organizations

November 5, 2003

Chapter 5: The Illicit Drug Trade

Chapter 6: Domestic Organized Crime Groups

Midterm Examination

November 12, 2003

Chapter 7: A Comparative Perspective

Film: The Killing of Pablo (the life and death of drug kingpin Pablo Escobar)

November 19, 2003

Chapter 8: Terrorism As Organized Crime

Chapter 9: Organized Crime's Political and Corporate Alliance

November 26, 2003

Chapter 10: Controlling Organized Crime

Final Exam Review

November 4, 2003

Final Examination