

CMRJ324

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Course Summary

Course : CMRJ324 **Title :** The History of Organized Crime

Length of Course : 8

Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description: This course will provide an examination of the evolution of organized crime in the United States, with a focus on the social and legal factors that contributed to its development and the groups involved. Additionally this class will explore how organized crime is structured and how it can be exposed and controlled. Theoretical explanations of organized crime are also covered.

Course Scope:

This course is divided into 8 weeks and is presented in a way to give students an overview of “organized crime” and its subsequent control from a criminal justice/law enforcement perspective. An examination of both traditional organized crime to the new emerging groups presenting a more serious threat in this focus area will be discussed. The recruitment process and the level of sophistication of these groups from outlaw motorcycle groups to Triads to the Mafia are explored. The “global” picture of organized crime will be a focus from international crime groups – Russian, Latino and Italian – to name a few.

Objectives

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

CO1: Discuss the historical use of money laundering and racketeering by organized crime

CO2: Compare and contrast transnational organized crime groups such as the Yakuza and Russian Mafia

CO3: Describe why organized crime has flourished, via the use of criminological theory

CO4: Summarize the importance of the Prohibition Era on organized crime

CO5: Analyze major statutes and legislation aimed at combatting organized crime

CO6: Extrapolate past and current efforts of the U.S. (via the War on Drugs) with current and future illegal drug trends (e.g., usage, availability, etc.)

CO7: Analyze the assertion that U.S. politicians are frequently in league with organized crime

Outline

Week 1:

Learning Objectives

Weekly content will address specific learning objectives for each course. Learning objectives covered each week are specified in the course site.

Readings

Weekly lesson and assigned readings are available in the course site.

Week 2:

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Week 3:

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Week 4:

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Week 5:

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Week 6:

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Week 7:

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Readings

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Week 8:

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Evaluation

Forums

Instructions and grading expectations for all forums will appear in the Forums section of the course site.

Assignment(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all assignments will appear in the Assignments section of the course site.

Exam(s)

Instructions and grading expectations for all exams will appear in the Tests & Quizzes section of the course site.

Grading:

Name	Grade %
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Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: N/A

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Course Guidelines

University Policies

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