

CMRJ524

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Course Summary

Course : CMRJ524 **Title :** Organized Crime

Length of Course : 8

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

Description

Course Description: This course examines the historical roots of organized crime and its current role within the American criminal justice system. Structural models are compared for understanding emerging groups. Special attention is paid to dependencies and cooperation among ethnic groups as well. Additionally, there will be a review of the activities associated with organized strategic aspects (i.e. profit-oriented ventures such as extortion, credit card fraud, counterfeiting, prostitution, drug trafficking, smuggling) and tactical issues (i.e. activities that support the criminal organization such as money laundering, violence, corruption, and recruitment).

Course Scope:

This course will involve assessment and comparative analysis of organized crime in the United States from an historical perspective, with attention to causes and effects, and transnational effects and implications. The student should also gain an insight into the terms that apply to various aspects of law enforcement, the focus of enforcement efforts, and sources of impediments to enforcement. Special attention will be paid to past efforts to combat organized crime, as a foundation upon which students will attempt to develop understanding on how to evaluate and respond to certain threats.

Objectives

After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

CO1: Examine individual attributes of organized crime

CO2: Assess Transnational Organized Crime's ability to continue flourishing through the application of criminological theory;

CO3: Interpret the historical and socio-political patterns of organized crime in the United States;

CO4: Deconstruct how terrorism differs from organized crime

CO5: Analyze the varieties and characteristics of transnational organized crime;

CO6: Compare and contrast the origins, characteristics, and national makeup of Asian Crime and Russian organized crime groups

CO7: Evaluate the major organized crime statutes, such as the Harrison Act, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and Prohibition; and their role in fighting organized crime.

Outline

Week 1: The Attributes of Organized Crime and its Contrast with other Bureaucratic Organizations.

Learning Objective(s)

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

Reading(s)

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

Week 2: Theoretical and Historical Perspectives on Organized Crime.

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Reading(s)

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Week 3: The Scope of Organized Crime and Organized Criminal Groups in NY and Chicago.

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Reading(s)

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Week 4: The Globalization of Organized Crime.

Learning Objective(s)

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Reading(s)

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Week 5: International and Transnational Organized Crime (continued).

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Reading(s)

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Week 6: The Business of Organized Crime.

Learning Objective(s)

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Reading(s)

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Week 7: Organized Drug Trafficking Organizations and Related Federal Statutes.

Learning Objective(s)

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Reading(s)

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Week 8: Organized Crime Law Enforcement Operations and Investigative Resources.

Learning Objective(s)

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Reading(s)

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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:

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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

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