



Graduate Course Syllabus

JUS 605: Organized Crime

Center: Online

Course Prerequisites

None

Course Description

A graduate level examination of the dynamic referred to as 'organized crime' picking up where the undergraduate course ends. Specific crimes, like racketeering, extortion, bribery, official corruption, graft, drugs, prostitution and other illicit trafficking will be analyzed. Investigative techniques and prosecutorial strategies that relate to the identification and elimination of organized crime are a major component of the course content.

Course Outcomes

- Define and identify the historical understanding of organized crime forces, cultural, social and legal trends which trigger the phenomena of organized crime
- Identify government law enforcement agencies' strategies that target, investigate, and control organized crime
- List mainstream and innovative theories of organized crime highlighted by geography
- Identify the traditional "businesses" and crime groups of organized crime
- Analyze emerging practices in how organized crime has branched out into offshore and international activities in traditional crime syndicates including terrorism
- Articulate with specificity the common commodities of organized crime including drugs, prostitution, union racketeering, and illicit economic activities
- Compare and contrast organized crime activities in the American experience with other nations and societies in the assessment of their political framework
- Analyze legislation relevant to organized crime and identify the major players

Required Materials

Using your learning resources is critical to your success in this course. Please purchase directly through SNHU's online bookstore, [MBS Direct](#), rather than any other vendor. Purchasing directly from the bookstore ensures that you will obtain the correct materials and that the Help Desk, your advisor, and the instructor can provide you with support if you have problems.

Organized Crime

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Instructor Availability and Response Time

Your class interaction with the instructor and your classmates will take place in Blackboard on a regular, ongoing basis. Your instructor will be actively engaged within the course throughout the week. You will normally communicate with your instructor in the weekly discussions or the General Questions forum in Blackboard so that your questions and the instructor's answers benefit the entire class. You should feel free, however, to communicate with your instructor via SNHU email at any time, particularly when you want to discuss something of a personal or sensitive nature. Your instructor will generally provide a response within 24 hours.

Grade Distribution

Assignment Category	Number of Graded Items	Point Value per Item	Total Points
Discussion	15	25	375
Short Paper	6	35	210
Midterm	1	100	100
Final Paper	1	315	315
		Total Course Points:	1000

This course may also contain practice activities. The purpose of these non-graded activities is to assist you in mastering the learning outcomes in the graded activity items listed above.

University Grading System: Graduate

Total Points: 1000				
Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Points	Points Equivalent	
			Lower	Upper
A	93-100	4.00	930	1000
A-	90-92	3.67	900	929
B+	87-89	3.33	870	899
B	83-86	3.00	830	869
B-	80-82	2.67	800	829
C+	77-79	2.33	770	799
C	73-76	2.00	730	769
F	0-72	0.00	0	729
I	Incomplete			
IF	Incomplete/Failure*			
W	Withdrawn			

*Please refer to the [policy page](#) for information on the incomplete grade process.

Grading Guides

Specific activity directions, grading guides, posting requirements, and additional deadlines can be found in the Course Information area in the Assignment Guidelines and Rubrics folder.

Weekly Assignment Schedule

The Learning Modules area in Blackboard contains one module folder for each week of the course. All reading and assignment information can be found in the folders. Assignments and discussion board posts during the first week of each term are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Assignments and discussion posts for the remainder of the term are due by 11:59 p.m. of the student's local time zone.

In addition to the textbook readings that are listed, there may be additional required resources within each module in Blackboard.

Module	Topics and Assignments
1	The Foundations of Organized Crime Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 1 1-1 Discussion: Defining Organized Crime 1-2 Short Paper: Organized Crime Enterprise
2	Organized Crime Behavior and Rationalizations Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 2 2-1 Discussion: Behavior and Rationalization 2-2 Discussion: Topic Selection 2-3 Short Paper: Organized Criminal Enterprise 2-4 Milestone No. 1 Topic Submission

3	Organized Crime in the American Experience Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 3 3-1 Discussion: Powerful Figures 3-2 Short Paper: Composition of Early Organized Crime Groups
4	The Business of Organized Crime Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapters 4 and 5 4-1 Discussion: Crime Development: North and South 4-2 Short Paper: Common Business Practices
5	Organized Crime and the Drug Trade Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 6 5-1 Discussion: Drug Dynamic 5-2 Discussion: International Drug Trade 5-3 Midterm: The Business Evolution of Organized Crime
6	Organized Crimes – Domestic Groups Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 7 6-1 Discussion: Race and Gangs
7	Organized Crime at the Transnational Level Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 8 7-1 Discussion: Colombian Cartels 7-2 Discussion: Emerging Groups 7-4 Short Paper: Chinese OC
8	Organized Crime and Terrorism Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 9 8-1 Discussion: Terrorism 8-2 Discussion: Motivations 8-3 Milestone No. 2 Final Paper Draft Submission
9	Organized Crime's Political and Corporate Alliances Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 10 9-1 Discussion: Political Influence 9-2 Discussion: Corporate Crime 9-3 Short Paper: Evolution of Political Corruption and Organized Crime
10	Controlling Organized Crime Reading: <i>Organized Crime</i> , Chapter 11 10-1 Discussion: Law Enforcement Policy 10-2 Final Paper Milestone No. 3

Attendance Policy

Online students are required to submit a graded assignment/discussion to Blackboard during the first week of class. If a student does not submit a posting to the graded assignment/discussion during the first week of class, the student is automatically withdrawn from the course for non-participation. Review the [full attendance policy](#).

Late Assignments Policy

Meeting assigned due dates is critical for demonstrating progress and ensuring appropriate time for instructor feedback on assignments. Students are expected to submit their assignments on or before the due date. Review the [full late assignment policy](#).

SNHU College of Online and Continuing Education Student Handbook

Review the [student handbook](#).

Diversity and Disability Statement

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Disability Resource Center (DRC)

(866) 305-9430

(877) 520-8916 (fax)

drc@snhu.edu

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(603) 645-9664

(603) 645-9717 (fax)

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Assessment Calibration and Student Work Samples

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