

**University of North Texas at Dallas
Summer 3wk Maymester 2012
SYLLABUS**

CJUS 3310D: ORGANIZED AND CONSENSUAL CRIME (3 Hrs)

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| Classroom Location: | | <i>FH 308</i> | |
| Class Meeting Days & Times: | | MTWR 8:00 – 11:50 AM | |
| Course Catalog Description: | | The study of the history, structure and governmental responses to organized crime; special emphasis is placed on consensual crimes such as drug abuse and trafficking, prostitution, pornography and gambling. | |
| Prerequisites: | | CJUS 2100 or equivalent | |
| Co-requisites: | | None | |
| Required Text: | | Abadinsky, Howard. <i>Organized Crime</i> . 10th ed. Belmont: Wadsworth, 2010. (online version available at www.cengagebrain.com) | |
| Recommended Text and References: | | Additional materials will be posted on Blackboard Learn or distributed in class as needed | |
| Access to Learning Resources: | | UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com | |
| Course Goals or Overview: | | | |
| The study of the history, structure and governmental responses to organized crime; the study of the history of specific organized crime groups; and a survey of consensual crimes such as drug abuse, prostitution, and gambling. | | | |
| Learning Objectives/Outcomes: At the end of this course, the student will be able to: | | | |
| 1 | Describe the history and evolution of organized crime | | |
| 2 | Identify major organized crime groups in the U.S. and worldwide, and their prominent individual participants | | |
| 3 | Distinguish between organized crime and terrorism | | |
| 4 | Identify major industries in which organized crime groups flourish | | |
| 5 | Articulate legal efforts at preventing and controlling organized crime | | |

Course Outline

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated in class and via announcements or emails in Blackboard.

| TOPICS | TIMELINE |
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| Introduction Chapter 1 - Definition and Attributes of Organized Crime; Transnational OC Chapter 4 – Explaining Organized Crime | M 5/14 |
| Chapter 14 – Organized Crime Statutes Chapter 15 – Law Enforcement | T 5/15 |
| Chapter 2 – Development of Organized Crime in the U.S. Exam review | W 5/16 |
| Exam 1 Chapter 3 – The American Mafia Chapter 10 – Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs | R 5/17 |
| Chapter 5 – Italian Organized Crime | M 5/21 |
| Chapter 6 – Latin American Organized Crime Chapter 7 – Black Organized Crime | T 5/22 |
| Chapter 9 – Asian Organized Crime Exam review | W 5/23 |
| Exam 2 Chapter 11 – Gambling, Loansharking, Theft, Fencing, Sex, and Trafficking | R 5/24 |
| MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – NO CLASS | M 5/28 |
| Chapter 12 – Drug Trafficking | T 5/29 |
| Chapter 13 – Labor, Business, and Money Laundering Exam review | W 5/30 |
| FINAL EXAM | R 5/31 |

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Grading Matrix:

| Instrument | Value (points or percentages) | Total |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Exam 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Exam 2 | 100 | 100 |
| Final Exam | 100 | 100 |
| Total: | | 300 |

Grade Determination:

- A = 270 – 300 points
- B = 240 – 269 points
- C = 210 – 239 points
- D = 180 – 209 points
- F ≤ 179 points

Exam Policy:

The exams may consist of multiple choice, true-false, definitional, descriptive, listing, and/or short answer questions. The first examination is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, May 17**. The second exam is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, May 24**. The final examination will be given on **Thursday, May 31**. There will be no make-up exams unless you have a university-recognized emergency, notify me prior to the exam that you will have to reschedule, and provide appropriate documentation of the emergency.

NO CELL PHONES WILL BE PERMITTED DURING THE EXAMS. YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO A 10-POINT DEDUCTION ON YOUR EXAM FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE. THIS INCLUDES A RINGING OR AUDIBLY VIBRATING CELL PHONE OR THE USE OF TEXT MESSAGING. As a courtesy, please do not bring food or drink to class during exams. During exams, ALL ITEMS other than what is needed to take the exam (exam, scantron, and a pencil) must be under your desk. You must provide your own scantron and #2 pencil.

Exams will be given at the start of each class session. You will have an hour to complete the exam once it starts. No additional time will be given if you are late. There is typically a bonus question on each exam. However, if you are late for an exam that has a bonus question on it, you will forfeit the privilege to receive those points.

Assignment Policy:

We will be doing in class group work at various times throughout the term; however, it is ungraded and is intended for class discussion and study purposes. If you miss a class with a group assignment, please coordinate with a classmate to get the work you missed. The assignments themselves will be posted on Blackboard after the day in which they are discussed. On occasion we will also be utilizing videos during the class as an additional teaching tool, and the material covered in the videos is subject to being tested. You must be present in class to view the videos; these will not be available online or in the library.

Incompletes:

Pursuant to University policy, incompletes will not be given unless ALL of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) the student has completed 3/4 of the class
- (2) the student is currently passing the course, and
- (3) the request for an incomplete is pursuant to a University-recognized reason (medical emergency or military deployment).

Extra Credit:

On occasion, I have assigned extra credit to various classes. It is a privilege and an opportunity, not a right or an obligation. If extra credit is assigned in class, depending on the nature of the assignment, turnitin.com may be used as a tool. An acknowledgement sheet is required to be submitted to me prior to any assignment due date if turnitin.com is used. I do not give individual extra credit opportunities under any circumstances.

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students' with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. For more information, you may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation/Student Development Office, Suite 115 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at <http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/policies/Chapter%2007%20Student%20Affairs,%20Education,%20and%20Funding/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic%20Integrity.pdf> for complete provisions of this code.

In addition, all academic work submitted for this class, including exams, papers, and written assignments should include the following statement:

On my honor, I have not given, nor received, nor witnessed any unauthorized assistance that violates the UNTD Academic Integrity Policy.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call the UNT Dallas main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Jag Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes if they are absent.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate.

Use of Blackboard Learn:

We have migrated to Blackboard Learn. The link is learn.unt.edu. I utilize Blackboard extensively to communicate announcements, provide additional readings of interest, facilitate discussion topics, email individual students, and for other reasons as may be appropriate during the semester. It is your responsibility to check Blackboard regularly throughout the semester.

Additional Policies and Procedures

Use of Cell Phones, Laptops & other Electronics in the Classroom:

I do not prohibit the use of electronics in the classroom as a general rule. I trust that most students are using these devices to further their education and for educational purposes during class. However, if it comes to my attention that these devices are creating a distraction to yourself or to other students, I reserve the right to change this policy by communicating such a change in class and through Blackboard.

Food & Drink in the Classroom:

I do not prohibit food or drink the classroom during classes, but as a courtesy to your fellow test takers, please do not bring food or drink during exams. If this becomes a distraction during class, I reserve the right to change this policy by communicating such a change in class and through Blackboard.

Disruptions:

I reserve the right to ask anyone who is creating a disruption during class to leave the room. Please be respectful of your fellow students. Come to class on time and stay until class ends. Students constantly coming into and leaving the classroom during class create a distracting environment for the other students as well as the instructor.

Legal Questions:

In my capacity as the instructor of record for this course, it would create a potential conflict of interest if I were to render legal opinions regarding specific circumstances. As such, if you have questions of a legal nature, please seek appropriate legal advice. The UNT legal services office is available to UNT Dallas students, and the website is <http://studentlegal.unt.edu/>. You can also get referrals from the Dallas Bar Association if you live in Dallas County (<https://www2.dallasbar.org/referral/>) and through the State Bar of Texas referral service for outside of Dallas County (http://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Other_Lawyer_Referral_Services). There are also clinical programs and law libraries at the SMU and Texas Wesleyan University law schools that might have resources available to assist you.