

Course Description CCJ4641 | Organized Crime | 3.00 credits

An analysis of organized crime in today's society, as well as, past, present, and future perspectives of the topic.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of organized crime activity by:

- 1. Identifying goods and services
- 2. Defining and discussing organized crime typologies
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Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of crime commissions by:

- 1. Reviewing the Chicago Crime Commission
- 2. Discussing the Wickersham Commission
- 3. Citing and discussing the Krauver Committee
- 4. Examining the McClellan Committee

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of various investigations by:

- 1. Discussing the Mussolini Purge
- 2. Examining the Hennessey incident
- 3. Describing the Appalachian incident
- 4. Reviewing and analyzing the Palermo Maxitrial

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge of organized crime models by:

- 1. Identifying Cressey's theory
- 2. Defining the Client theory
- 3. Analyzing the Hallern's model
- 4. Discussing the Lanni's model

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the origins of organized crime in the U.S. by:

- 1. Recognizing the "New Order"
- 2. Identifying the "Black Hand"
- 3. Analyzing the Las Vegas connection
- 4. Defining the Unione Siciliana

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the impact of notable figures in organized crime by:

- 1. Analyzing the role of Frank Costello
- 2. Analyzing the role of Dutch Schultz
- 3. Analyzing the role of Arnold Rothstein
- 4. Analyzing the role of John Gotti

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate knowledge of regional organized crime by:

- 1. Discussing the East Coast organized crime organizations
- 2. Discussing the South organized crime organizations
- 3. Discussing the Midwest organized crime organizations
- 4. Discussing the West Coast organized crime organizations

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate drug trafficking knowledge by:

- 1. Reviewing cocaine traffic
- 2. Analyzing heroin traffic
- 3. Citing and discussing marijuana traffic

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4. Researching L.S.D. traffic

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate prison gang knowledge by:

- 1. Identifying the Mexican Mafia
- 2. Defining the Nuestra Familia
- 3. Analyzing the Black Guerrilla Family
- 4. Discussing the Texas Syndicate

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate knowledge of existing and emerging mob groups by:

- 1. Identifying Russian organized crime
- 2. Researching Dominican organized crime
- 3. Exploring Asian organized crime
- 4. Discussing African organized crime

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society