

CJ-2210: ORGANIZED CRIME

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Subject Code

CJ - Criminal Justice

Course Number:

2210

Title:

Organized Crime

Catalog Description:

History and legal analysis of criminal enterprises in America, including their pragmatic operation and the criminal justice response using investigative techniques, and court sentencing to disrupt illegal operations.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

CJ-1000 Introduction to Criminal Justice.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Analyze the concept of Organized Crime (OC) and its effect on society.

Objective(s):

1. Define the term "organized crime" and identify its major components.
2. Discuss the written and unwritten "rules" of OC.
3. Examine the tools of law enforcement in battling OC.
4. Explain the ethnic or gender link with OC.
5. Discuss the effect of OC on members and victims families.
6. Compare and contrast various OC groups.
7. Describe non-traditional OC groups.
8. Examine alternative ways of preventing OC.
9. Describe the legal and social history of OC.
10. Define all terms associated with OC, such as "enterprise" etc.
11. Compare and contrast types of OC.
12. Discuss the frequency of OC locally and nationally.
13. Explain the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute.
14. Discuss the history of OC.
15. Discuss the violent nature of OC.
16. Describe the typical crimes associated with OC.

Course Outcome(s):

Apply knowledge of investigation, prosecution, defense and sentencing aspects of organized crime.

Objective(s):

1. Explain the sentencing guidelines on OC.

2. Describe the major figures of OC.
 3. Discuss special law enforcement units fighting OC.
 4. Analyze the significant role of Italian OC in America.
 5. Detail the police corruption associated with OC.
 6. Discuss significant court decisions regarding OC.
 7. Explain legal defense strategies for OC.
 8. Discuss the ethical considerations in OC investigations.
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Methods of Evaluation:

1. Examinations
2. Short papers on current events, field trips, and guest speakers
3. Quizzes
4. Practical assignments

Course Content Outline:

1. What is Organized Crime?
 - a. The Fascination with Organized Crime
 - b. Defining Organized Crime
 - c. Similarities & Differences Between Organized and White Collar Crimes
 - d. Terrorism and Organized Crime
 - e. Typology of Organized Crime
 - f. Typology of Organized Criminals Ethnicity
 - g. Organization of Crime Groups
 - h. Gender and Organized Crime
 - i. How much Organized Crime is there?
2. Characteristic Organized Crimes I: Conspiracy, Provision of Illicit Goods & Services
 - a. Legal Definitions of Organized Crime
 - b. Provision of Illicit Goods: Drugs and Stolen Property
 - c. Provision of Illicit Services: Gambling, Loan-sharking & Sex
 - d. Loan-sharking
3. Characteristic Organized Crimes II: Infiltration of Business, Extortion, and Racketeering
 - a. Infiltration of Business
 - b. Extortion
 - c. Racketeering
4. Causes of Organized Crime
 - a. Is Organized Crime Unique?
 - b. Positivism: Social & Economic Influences
 - c. Classicism: Hedonism and Odds of Apprehension
 - d. Structural: Capitalism and Arbitrary Laws
 - e. Ethical: When Crime Brings Pleasure Not Guilt
5. Paradigms of Organized Crime
 - a. What is a Model of Organized Crime?
 - b. Hierarchical Models of Organized Crime
 - c. Local, Ethnic Models of Organized Crime
 - d. Organized Crime as a Business Enterprise
 - e. Fitting the Models Together: Groups v. Activities
 - f. Future Forms of Organized Crime?
6. The Mafia: Facts & Myths
 - a. Hennessey Murder in New Orleans 1890
 - b. The Italian Connection
 - c. From City Gangs to a National Conspiracy
 - d. Kefauver Hearings
 - e. The Apalachin Incident
 - f. The Valachi Hearings & the Cosa Nostra
 - g. Fratianno, the FBI, and the Tieri Trial
 - h. The Mob Trials from the 1980's to Present
7. Presidential Investigations of Organized Crime
 - a. Changing Organized Crime Patterns

8. Transnational Organized Crime
 - a. The Scope of Transnational Crime
 - b. Using Ethnicity to Explain Organized Crime
 - c. Transnational Organized Crime Groups
9. Investigative Tools
 - a. Investigators of Organized Crime
 - b. Investigative Techniques and Intelligence Gathering
 - c. Financial Analysis
 - d. Electronic Surveillance
 - e. Informants
 - f. Undercover Agents
 - g. Citizen Commissions
10. Prosecution Strategies
 - a. Tools for the Prosecution
 - b. Witness Immunity
 - c. Witness Protection Program
 - d. Special Grand Juries
 - e. Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organization
 - f. Bank Secrecy Act
 - g. Money Laundering
11. Organizing A Criminal Defense
 - a. Entrapment
 - b. Duress
 - c. Mob Lawyers
12. Sentencing Organized Crime Offenders
 - a. Sentences Imposed in Racketeering and Drug Cases
 - b. Types of Racketeering Convictions
 - c. Backgrounds of Convicted Offenders

Resources

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