

CRJU-3113-X20 Organized Crime Spring Semester 2022

Introduction:

This course is an overview or introduction to Organized Crime. When complete you should have a better historical perspective of:

- the players,
- groups and
- ideologies which have played a part in organized crime.

Regardless of occupation, field of study, interests, or location of residence most people's lives have been affected by organized crime, perhaps this course will help place it in perspective.

Some of you may be veterans at taking online courses and for some of you this may be your first experience.

The main text is:

Organized Crime

by: Michael D. Lyman; Gary W Potter

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APA 6th Edition is the manual for the writing style. Instead of buying it, you can find it free at the Purdue OWL online APA formatting and style guide online. Just Google it. (Purdue OWL APA online formatting and style guide)

Your examinations and exercises will come from this text.

I recommend you take the text and immediately read it like a novel in a couple of days. Breezing through the material will give you an idea of the authors plan for the material and make

it easier for you to prepare for the exercises and tests. The authors occasionally refer to material from previous or later chapters when designing the adult learning exercises (tests) and studying in this manner will prevent you from being surprised when asked to integrate material from throughout the text.

Your personal autobiography will be 5 % of your overall grade.

Eleven five question surveys will comprise 15 % of your grade. Think of them as mini quizzes.

Eleven twenty question quizzes will comprise 30 % of your grade.

The 8–12-page biography of a organized crime figure written in APA writing style will comprise 25% of your grade.

Discussions will be 25 % of your grade.

The best source of assistance for APA writing style is the Purdue OWL:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Active participation for these activities will be graded based on students' contribution to dialog through comments, which have the following qualities:

- Accurate description and reference of concepts,
- Application and experiential examples of concepts to further discussion or analysis / evaluation (beyond a simple agree or disagree) supported with source synthesis of concepts from other course or program activities (integration of learning)
- Unsolicited, relevant observations / ideas, contributing to Cohort members' understanding
- Well-organized, clearly presented, correctly cited

In the event extra credit is offered, students who have not completed all required assignments and/or taken all test/quizzes will not be allowed to improve grades with extra credit. Additional information **WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT APPEARS TO BE PLAGIARIZED.** Students are on their honor not to give or receive information exams or quizzes.

The instructor reserves the right to give pop quizzes written or verbal. **All papers will be submitted double-spaced and written in APA writing style.** For up-to-date rules on citing electronic sources, you can check online and there are many helpful sites when you search on electronic references APA online.

Remember if you have problems, if you need additional time, if something is not going well, pick up the phone and call me, if you call in advance, most things can be worked out.

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The exercises, tests and discussion will all open immediately or very early in the course.

All work corresponds to the week and chapter, discussions should be posted by Thursday midnight and replies to other students by midnight Sunday. So, week one, chapter one, week two, chapter two and so on.

There is no penalty for completing the coursework (surveys and quizzes) early, the timelier the better because the material will remain fresher in your memory and provide the foundation for your participation in the online discussions.

The course-grading schema will be:

Autobiography 5 %

Surveys – 15 %

Quizzes – 30 %

Gangsta Autobiography – 25%

Discussions – Bonus 25 %

Concentrate on doing a good job on your Gangsta Review, in the past some have not read the assignment closely and have been unexpectedly surprised with the results. Remember to read and understand the assignment, re-read it and follow the instructions.

IF YOU EMAIL YOUR PAPER IN EARLY BEFORE (March 1, 2022) I MAY REVIEW IT AND RETURN IT FOR FREE, THATS RIGHT FREE ASSISTANCE AND COMMENTS.

SEND IN TOO ME IN EMAIL FIRST FOR REVIEW BEFORE POSTING.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:

- Each student should research and locate an organized crime figure 1900 - to current date.
- You should quickly request permission for your subject (criminal) from the instructor so you can have your favorite bad guy to research.
- Find a source of a format for writing a biography for your gangster. The simplest way to do this is by searching in the search engines, • www.msn.com, • www.yahoo.com, • www.google.com, • www.ask.com, on “HOW DO I WRITE A BIOGRAPHY? You will find many results like; <http://www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomak2.htm>
- Choose the biography format that you think is most appropriate for this assignment, remember to list your source of format in your references and include a short explanation why you selected it and felt it was most appropriate for this assignment and your subject.

- Remember this research and choice of format is part of your grade, simple and fast is not always the fastest way to an A, just as lengthy and burdensome does not always score the best. Spend a little time and find a format that you think handles the topic in the most scholarly manner for this type of assignment.
- All papers should be submitted in MS-Word, spell and grammar checked in 12 point Arial font. Remember to take advantage of all of the rich formatting features in MS-Word, color, bold, italic, underline, indentation, bullets, to give emphasis to your major points, draw attention to your logic and lead the reader where you want them to go. Be sure and spend some time in the first sixty to eighty pages in the APA manual, that's the how to part of the book. The rest is just samples, read the first part of the manual at least twice before starting. Be sure and spell and grammar check your work, have someone else preview it for you. Pay attention to all of the details in APA, title page, running head, DoubleSpace narrative, in text citations and be sure and check the APA online for the latest formats for citing electronic documents and make sure all of your links work.
- Your research references should be peer reviewed criminal justice or other professional social science journals. Newspapers, popular magazines, news articles, web news, newspapers, house organs, in agency publications and textbooks are good for adding texture, color, taste, smell and feel to paper but they are not generally acceptable as good academic sources. Please use them wisely and judiciously in your paper, this also is a major source of your grade, your ability to get online in the library and find and access the rich resource of peer reviewed journals that are available for free in full text. If you have not done so, a short phone call to one of the librarians for assistance would be well worth your time.
- EIGHT TO TWELVE PAGES NO MORE, INCLUDING REFERENCES
- **THE PAPER IS DUE ON APRIL 1, 2022, before midnight**
- **SUMMER STUDENTS DO THIS WHOLE COURSE IN FOUR WEEKS, YOU CAN WORK AHEAD AND GET IT ALL DONE INCLUDING THE PAPER IF YOU WILL APPLY YOUR SELF IN THE BEGINNING.**
- All work is due no later than April 26, 2022.
- The last day of class is April 29, 2022.