



CRJU-3113 Organized Crime
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Course Description

This course provides undergraduate students with an introduction to the idea and concept of organized crime in the United States and globally. Definitional and historical issues of various organized crime groups and activities are addressed with the intent of familiarizing the student with a survey of knowledge on the subject.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Abadinsky, H. (2017). Organized Crime (*11th edition or newer*). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishers ISBN-13: 978-1305633711

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook 2017-18](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Grading

Percentage of Final Grade Breakdown

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| Assignments | % |
| Quizzes | 40 |
| Exams | 60 |

Grading Scale

| Grade | % |
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| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | Less than 60 |

Exams

2 exams account for 60% of your final grade. Each exam is open book and will be taken online. These will consist of multiple choice, true false, short answer, fill-in-the-blank, and/or essay questions.

Quizzes

40% of Final Grade. A timed (30 minute), open-book, multiple choice/true-false quiz (10 questions per quiz) is given for each of the 14 chapters from your textbook. Quizzes are taken in D2L. The 14 quizzes will account for 40% of your final grade. The due date for each quiz is clearly indicated in the D2L calendar. Failure to complete the quiz before the due date may result in a score of zero. You can work ahead if you would like, however, do not email and ask for a quiz to be re-opened.

Exam 1

30% of Final Grade. Timed (1hour), open-book Multiple Choice/true-false and essay exam (50 questions per exam) will be given online in the D2L system. The exam accounts for 30% of your final grade. The due date for each exam is clearly indicated in the D2L calendar. Failure to complete an exam before the due date may result in a score of zero. You can work ahead if you would like, however, do not email and ask for an exam to be re-opened. Such emails will be deleted without response.

Exam 2

30% of Final Grade. Timed (1hour), open-book Multiple Choice/true-false and essay exam (50 questions per exam) will be given online in the D2L system. The exam accounts for 30% of your final grade. The due date for each exam is clearly indicated in the D2L calendar and in this syllabus. Failure to complete an exam before the due date may result in a score of zero. You can work ahead if

you would like, however, do not email and ask for an exam to be re-opened. Such emails will be deleted without response.

Late Work

Late work will receive a grade of F unless a prior agreement exists between the student and Dr. Atkins

Make Up Work/Tests

This is an online course, make-ups not allowed. Missed assignments will automatically receive a grade of F unless a prior arrangement exists between Dr. Atkins and the student.

Important Dates

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| Last day for term schedule changes: | Jan. 19 |
| Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" | Mar. 25 by 4:00pm |
| Deadline to file for graduation: | Feb. 12 |

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Coursework will be completed online.

Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. **Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students With Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to <http://www.mwsu.edu/student-life/disability>.

Notice

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

Course Schedule: See following page...

***See the D2L Calendar for weekly chapter quiz due dates.**

| Week or Module | Topic | Reading/Quiz Assignment |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Week 1 (Jan. 17) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Org Crime | Ch. 1 |
| Week 2 (Jan. 22) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanations for Org Crime | Ch. 2 |
| Week 3 (Jan. 29) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> United States | Ch. 3 |
| Week 4 (Feb. 5) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italy and Albania | Ch. 4 |
| Week 5 (Feb. 12) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia and Mexico | Ch. 5 |
| Week 6 (Feb. 19) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia and Former Soviet Union | Ch. 6 |
| Week 7 (Feb. 26) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asia | Ch. 7 |
| Week 8 (Mar. 4) | EXAM #1 due March 10 | Exam#1 (Ch. 1-7) |
| Week 9 (Mar. 11) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPRING BREAK WEEK | |
| Week 10 (Mar. 18) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs | Ch. 8 Ch. 9 |
| Week 11 (Mar. 25) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Org Crime: "Goods & Services" | Ch. 10 |
| Week 12 (Apr. 1) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Org Crime & Drug Trafficking | Ch. 11 |
| Week 13 (Apr. 8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Org Crime in Labor, Business | Ch. 12 |
| Week 14 (Apr. 15) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Org Crime Statutes | Ch. 13 |
| Week 15 (Apr. 22) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigating and Prosecuting Org Crime | Ch. 14 |
| Week 16 (Apr. 29) | EXAM #2 (Final Exam) due May 5 | Exam #2 (Ch. 8-14) |