

CRIM 356-W4 Organized Crime (CR: SOC 356)

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Term IV online

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Course Content

CRIM 356-W4 Organized Crime introduces the Mafia, Japanese Yakuza, Chinese Triads, Russian Mafia, drug cartels, criminal enterprises and organization. Federal anti-organized crime statutes and law enforcement tactics are also covered.

Learning Objectives

The successful student will:

- 1) Relate consensual offenses and organized crime.
- 2) Trace organized crime history.
- 3) Contrast criminal and legitimate organization structure.
- 4) Understand illicit drug markets, illegal gambling, prostitution, pornography, human trafficking, toxic waste dumping, extortion, loan sharking, money laundering, stock market fraud, commercial hijacking, labor racketeering, communications fraud, and other offenses organized offenses.
- 5) Link organized crime and legitimate institutions.
- 6) Compare Mafia, Yakusa, Triad, and drug cartel structures.
- 7) List Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970 (RICO) powers and other Federal anti-organized crime statute provisions and prosecutions.
- 8) Identify major organized crime figures and their contributions.

Textbook

Howard Abadinsky (2017). *Organized Crime*. Eleventh edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. ISBN-13: 978-1-305-63371-1. Available as an ebook, contact Cengage Learning.

lessons elaborate well beyond the textbook.

Course Policies

Class policies will follow the Hartsville 2022 Term IV schedule.

View the syllabus through the Beeline Reader alternate format for all of your classes. It points out important requirements and assignment due dates.

Late assignments and quizzes will be scored zero. Assignments must be posted and quizzes taken on the Blackboard course site. Neither can be emailed to the instructor.

No time extensions for late posts or quizzes will be given due to technical problems. Complete work early so if technical issues arise there is time to fix them. Technical support is not available on weekends.

Technical Support

The instructor does not deal with Blackboard or computer issues.

For Blackboard, computer and software problems contact the Coker University Information Technology Department help desk (843-383-8323) or submit a support ticket to: ITsupport@coker.edu

Enrollment Verification

The Office of Academic Records (OAR) requires enrollment verification.

Not participating in a discussion or taking a quiz designates the student absent for the week and the OAR will be so notified.

If your enrollment status changes inform the instructor.

Lessons

Lessons will be posted Mondays and assignments due the following Sunday.

Graded Discussions

We will have four graded discussions on main lesson topics. Each student must participate.

Use appropriate netiquette in class communications.

Do not post anything on the discussion board unrelated to the discussion. Do not copy anything from lessons or other sources to the discussion board or examination answers. It will be score zero.

Post your initial response to discussion prompts by Thursday at 11:55 pm and respond to other student posts before Sunday at 11:55 pm of the current week's lesson.

Address all parts of discussion prompts.

Graded Discussion Grading Rubric

23-25 The post shows excellent understanding of material and ability to apply it.

21-22 The response indicates a good understanding of concepts.

19-20 Some comprehension but part of what the prompt calls for is missing.

18 or lower the post does not address the discussion topic, is not well thought out, restates a previous post, or uses the discussion board for irrelevant political commentary.

Thoughtful comments on two other student posts are worth up to 5 points each.

Quizzes

There will be four one attempt quizzes timed for 15 minutes. Fifteen minutes is enough time if you studied properly. Each quiz will have ten questions.

Do not open a quiz until ready to take it. Quizzes and examinations must be finished once opened and cannot be reentered after exited.

Quizzes must be taken by the Sunday 11:55 pm due date as stated on topics and assignments below. Blackboard automatically submits them when the time limit is reached.

A quiz will not be reset because a student is unhappy with their score. Study more for the next one.

Quizzes cover the previous and current week's lessons.

Final Examination

There will be a cumulative final essay examination on main course topics consisting of four short essays

Essay questions worth up to 25 points each. Answers will be one paragraph.

The final will be timed for 25 minutes and will automatically submit when the time limit is reached.

A study guide will be posted before the seventh week of class.

Do not copy anything from lessons or other sources for answers. Essays must be in your own words. Copied material scores the assignment zero.

Course Grade

Course grades will be assigned based on cumulative point totals from graded discussions, quizzes, the sociology project, student responses and final examination.

Grading Criteria

Four graded discussions 25 points each	100 points
Four quizzes at 25 points each	100 points
Sociology Research Project	100 points
Final essay examination	100 points
Responses to other student posts	40 points

No extra credit assignments will be made.

Course Grade Scale

Course grades will be assigned based on cumulative point totals:

396+= A
352-395=B
308-351=C
264-307=D
Below 263=F

Incompletes are for extraordinary circumstances. If the final is missed and the student has not contacted the instructor with a satisfactory reason the course grade will be calculated with a final examination score of zero.

Weekly Activities

Week: 1 March 22-March 27

Lesson #1: Criminal Organization and Enterprises

Graded Discussion #1: Rackets

Due: March 27, 2022 at 11:55 PM

Week 2: March 28-April 3

Lesson #2: The Italian and American Mafia

Quiz #1: Due: April 3, 2022, 2022 at 11:55 pm

Week 3: April 4- April 10

Lesson #3: Organized Crime in New York

Graded Discussion #2: Crime Bosses

Due: April 10, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Week 4: April 11 -April 17

Lesson #4: Chicago, Prohibition, Capone, and the Outfit

Quiz #2: Due April 17, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Week 5: April 18-April 24

Lesson #5: Asian Organized Crime: The Yakusa and Triads

Grade Discussion #3: Asian Organized Crime Rackets

Due: April 24, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Week 6: April 25-May 1

Lesson #6: Drug Cartels

Quiz #3: Due May 1, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Week 7: May 2-May 8

Lesson #7: Organized Crime and Legitimate Institutions

Graded Discussion #4: Getting into Crime

Due: May 8, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Week 8: May 9-May 10

Lesson #8: Federal Anti-organized Crime Statutes

Quiz #4: Due May 10, 2022, at 11:55 pm

Final Examination: Due May 10, 2022, at 11:55 pm

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