

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
CANTON, NEW YORK**



MASTER SYLLABUS

**COURSE NUMBER – COURSE NAME
JUST 351 – Organized Crime**

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Department: Criminal Justice

Semester/Year: Spring 2019

- A. **TITLE:** Organized Crime
- B. **COURSE NUMBER:** JUST 351
- C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 credit hour(s) per week for 15 weeks
- D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** Yes No
- E. **GER CATEGORY:** None: Yes: GER
If course satisfies more than one: GER
- F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall Spring Fall & Spring

G. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides students with a viable definition of organized crime, its historical overview from the 18th century to present, and the theories behind why people become involved in crime. Topics include the development of organized crime in the northeast and its westward migration; nontraditional organized crime, the business enterprises of organized crime; the effect of organized crime in labor and business, the affects of the media and international organized crime.

- H. **PRE-REQUISITES:** None Yes If yes, list below:

45 Credit Hours.

CO-REQUISITES: None Yes If yes, list below:

I. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: (see key below)

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

<u>Course Student Learning Outcome</u> <i>[SLO]</i>	<u>Program Student Learning Outcome</u> <i>[PSLO]</i>	<u>GER</u> <i>[If Applicable]</i>	<u>ISLO & SUBSETS</u>	
A. Articulate and analyze traditional organized crime and nontraditional organized crime utilizing social theories regarding crime and criminal behavior.	Students will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of core law enforcement principles.		2-Crit Think ISLO ISLO	CA Subsets Subsets Subsets
B. Describe the history of organized crime, its national and international roots.	Students will be able to demonstrate effective written and verbal communication skills.		1-Comm Skills ISLO ISLO	W Subsets Subsets Subsets
C. Articulate and analyze the role of organized crime in trafficking through the use of past and present criminal enterprises such as Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, drug cartels, and traditional organized crime structures.	Students will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of core law enforcement principles.		2-Crit Think ISLO ISLO	CA Subsets Subsets Subsets
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KEY	<u>Institutional Student Learning Outcomes [ISLO 1 – 5]</u>
ISLO #	ISLO & Subsets
1	Communication Skills Oral [O], Written [W]
2	Critical Thinking <i>Critical Analysis [CA], Inquiry & Analysis [IA], Problem Solving [PS]</i>
3	Foundational Skills <i>Information Management [IM], Quantitative Lit./Reasoning [QTR]</i>
4	Social Responsibility <i>Ethical Reasoning [ER], Global Learning [GL], Intercultural Knowledge [IK], Teamwork [T]</i>
5	Industry, Professional, Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

*Include program objectives if applicable. Please consult with Program Coordinator

J. **APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT:** Yes No

If YES, select one or more of the following categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom/Lab | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internship | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Works/Senior Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Placement | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practicum | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Learning | (program, class, project) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | |

K. **TEXTS:**

Abadinsky, A. (2016). Organized crime (11th ed.). United States:Thompson Learning. ISBN 13: 9781305633711

L. **REFERENCES:**

None

M. **EQUIPMENT:** None Needed:

N. **GRADING METHOD:** A-F

O. **SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:**

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Assignments

P. **DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:**

I. **Introduction to Organized Crime**

- a. **The definition and structure of Organized Crime**
- b. **Explaining Organized Crime**
- c. **History of Organized Crime**
- d. **The American Mafia**

II. **Transitional Organized Crime**

- a. **Globalization of Organized Crime**
- b. **Ethnic Crime Groups**

III. **The Business of Organized Crime**

- a. **Gambling, Loan-sharking, Theft, Fencing, Sex, and Trafficking in Persons**
- b. **The Drug Business**
- c. **Labor, Business, and Money Laundering**

IV. Fighting Organized Crime

- a. Organized Crime Committees, Commissions, and Statutes**
- b. Organized Crime Law Enforcement**

V. Terrorism and Organized Crime

- a. Terrorism: What is it**
- b. Organized Crime and Terrorism: The Nexus**
- c. Similarity of Methods**

VI. Media Sensationalism of Organized Crime

- a. Review and discussion of Organized Crime in television**
- b. Review and discussion of Organized Crime in cinema**

Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: None Yes