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**General Syllabus**

# CRJU 30173 Organized Crime

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

## I. Course Information

### A. Catalog Description

Provides a realistic concept and understanding of the problem of organized criminal activity throughout the world. Focuses on theories and the evolution of traditional organized crime in America as well as examining the many new and emerging organized crime groups attempting to acquire a stronghold on domestic criminal enterprises.

## II. Student Learning Outcomes

### A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the basic concepts and theories in the criminal justice field.
2. Interpret the role of each component (law enforcement, courts, and corrections) of the CJ system and each role of its various actors.
3. Examine the scope of crime, how it is measured, and how it is reported.
4. Apply theory in explaining criminal behavior.
5. Maximize knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and assess court cases based on the Constitution.

### B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking Skills:** Students will identify organized crime problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will prepare essays for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics in a seminar setting.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

## III. Major Course Topics

A. Overview of Organized Crime
B. Organized Crime in the United States and the different subcultures
C. International Organized Crime and how it affects the geopolitical climate
D. Business of Organized Crime
E. Fighting Organized Crime and future trends.