



## Syllabus

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<b>Department:</b>	<b>Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice</b>
<b>Course Number:</b>	<b>CRIJ 4313</b>
<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Transnational Crime</b>
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## Course Description

This course explores the diverse dimensions of transnational crime to understand historical and current patterns of crimes that occur beyond national borders. It will examine several types of crime such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms trafficking, counterfeiting, cybercrime, environmental crime, money laundering, and corruption from a transnational perspective. This course also focuses on national, regional and international crime control mechanisms and their effectiveness in combatting transnational crime.

## Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete this course will be able:

- Define the transnational crime in the contemporary world.

- Understand the diverse dimensions of transnational crime.
- Explain the historical and current patterns of transnational crime.
- Identify several types of transnational crime and classify major crime activities occurring beyond borders.
- Articulate national, regional, and international crime control mechanisms.
- Analyze transnational crime policies and recommend alternative initiatives to combat transnational crime.

### **Academic Prerequisites**

Admission to Lamar University.

### **Required Text**

Transnational Crime and the 21st Century:

Criminal Enterprise, Corruption, and Opportunity

Jay S. Albanese

ISBN# 0195397827

The Globalization of Crime: A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment

UNODC Report Available online:

[https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/tocta/TOCTA\\_Report\\_2010\\_low\\_res.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/tocta/TOCTA_Report_2010_low_res.pdf)

### **Grading Policy and Evaluation**

Exams (4) = 400 points

Research Project= 100 points

Presentation = 50 points

Assignments (5) = 100 points

Movie Reviews (3) =150 points

Attendance and Class Participation=100 Points

TOTAL = 900 points

<b>% OF TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>LETTER GRADE</b>
<b>90-100 %</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89 %</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>70-79 %</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>60-69 %</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>59-0 %</b>	<b>F</b>

### **Overview of Assignments**

**Exams:** There are (4) exams in this class. Exams will be distributed during the class or online in Blackboard and they will cover assigned readings, classroom activities, discussions, and lecture notes. Exams can be designed in any format such as case studies, short answers, multiple choices, true/false questions, fill in the blanks questions, etc. Each exam is worth 100 points. There is no make up for exams except for formal written excuses.

**Assignments:** During the semester, there will be (5) assignments on readings and other course materials. Each assignment is worth 20 points. There is no make up for assignments except for formal written excuses.

**Research Project:** Students will work on a research project during this course to sharpen their skills in doing research, presenting others, and applying knowledge into practice. Further instructions will be distributed by the instructor in the class.

**Presentation:** Students will present their projects to share their research with class. Detailed instruction about presentation will be provided by the instructor in the class. Presentation is worth 50 points.

### **Class Policies**

**Requirements:** Students are responsible for all materials presented in the classroom as well as assigned readings. It is student's responsibility to get materials if s/he misses the class. All assignments should be submitted through Blackboard before due time. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

**Attendance and Class Participation:** The instructor will take attendance for this course and he highly encourages students to attend class. Please read all assigned readings before the class. Active class participation such as joining discussion, asking questions, listening and responding others, giving comments is worth 100 points of student's grade.

**Electronic Device Use Policy:** Students can only use their laptops and tablets for educational purpose. Using these devices for entertainment in the classroom will not be tolerated by the instructor and have negative effect on student's class participation grade. If a student uses his/her laptops, tablets for personal entertainment, s/he will lose the privilege to use these electronic devices in class.

**However, students are not allowed to use cell phones in class.** Cell phones always should be placed in pocket, purse etc. during the class. Be sure to turn it off or make it silent before class. If a cell phone rings during class, this will also have negative effect on student's class participation grade and instructor will ask him/her to apologize from the class.

**Academic Honesty:** All students are expected to obey academic honesty rules explained at Lamar Student Handbook. Please read it carefully and if you have any question about the terms (plagiarism, cheating etc.) ask the instructor or your advisor. The instructor will follow Lamar Academic Honesty Policy.

**Classroom Behavior:** All students should respect each other and show effort to maintain appropriate learning environment. Any disruptive behavior will not be tolerated by the instructor. Lamar Policy will be followed to create and sustain productive learning environment during the class.

### **Students with Disabilities**

It is the policy of Lamar University to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal and state law. Should you need accommodation, visit the Disability Resource Center website at <http://www.lamar.edu/disability-resource-center/> or call the office by dialing (409)-880-8347. Also know that I will assist in whatever way I can to ensure that this course supports the university's commitment to equal education opportunities.

For students with disabilities, this course will comply with all accommodations prescribed by the Lamar University Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. **It is the responsibility of the student to insure that the instructor has been informed of all prescribed accommodations.** Lamar University's Office of Services for Students with Disabilities offers a variety of services designed to provide for students with disabilities and can be contacted at (409) 880-8363.

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SFSWD) offers a variety of services designed to assure students with disabilities equal access to the university's activities, programs and services. Some of the services provided include academic accommodations, assistive equipment, communication access service providers, note-takers, physical access and priority registration. Documentation of a disability from a professional in the field is required to receive services.

Students with disabilities should notify the director of SFSWD prior to registration in any university program. The director will arrange a meeting with the student to determine reasonable academic adjustments/accommodations. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in 105 Communication Building. Students may write to P.O. Box 10087, Beaumont, Texas 77710, call 409.880.8347, fax 409.880.2225 or e-mail SFSWD@lamar.edu. Additional information is available at the SFSWD web site, <http://dept.lamar.edu/sfswd>.

### **Academic Integrity Statement**

Lamar University expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic

experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

*Plagiarism* shall mean the appropriation of another's work or idea and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work or idea into one's own work offered for credit.

*Collusion* shall mean the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit.

*Abuse of resource* materials shall mean the mutilation, destruction, concealment, theft or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.

*Academic work* shall mean the preparation of an essay, report, problem, assignment, creative work or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.

Students are specifically warned against all forms of plagiarism, which include "purchasing, or otherwise acquiring and submitting as one's own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm." Plagiarism is defined as, "the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work or ideas into one's own offered for credit" (82). Students seeking to avoid plagiarism should consult either the course instructor or the most recent addition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. The course instructor will complete a thorough and impartial investigation of any instance of academic dishonesty. A student found guilty of academic dishonesty will be notified in writing by the instructor of the violation, the penalty, and the student's right to appeal the determination of dishonesty and/or the sanction imposed. Penalties for academic dishonesty in this course will result in either a lowered letter grade or failure of the course as determined by the instructor.

### **Copyright Policy Statement**

Copyright is defined as the ownership and control of the intellectual property in original works of authorship which are subject to copyright law. As an institution of higher learning that values intellectual integrity, Lamar University prohibits the distribution of published materials (print or electronic) in violation of copyright law.

### **Privacy Policy Statement**

Student records maintained by Lamar University comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended (PL93-380). Detailed information should be accessed through this link: <https://students.lamar.edu/registration/educational-records-and-student-rights.html>

### **Drop Dates**

This course adheres to the add/drop standards for each term as stated by Lamar University. For more details, refer to the Lamar Academic Calendar. If the link does not work, visit Lamar University at <http://www.lamar.edu>, and search the site with the term, "Academic Calendar."

### **Course Evaluation**

Instruction as well as student performance is subject to evaluation. Procedures for evaluation will be provided near the end of this course.

## myLamar Portal

Students are asked to obtain a Lamar Electronic Account username and password so they can log onto the myLamar Web site. Students may get information on how to get into the myLamar Web site from the University's homepage (<http://www.lamar.edu>) by clicking on the myLamar link on the left top corner of the screen. Follow the steps to secure your myLamar username and password. Access to library resources is described on the Academic Partnership page, also available through the <http://www.lamar.edu>.

## Emergency Procedures

Many types of emergencies can occur on campus; instructions for specific emergencies such as severe weather, active shooter, or fire can be found at

<HTTP://WWW.LAMAR.EDU/ABOUT-LU/ADMINISTRATION/RISK-MANAGEMENT/INDEX.HTML>

### Severe Weather:

- Follow the directions of the instructor or emergency personnel
- Seek shelter in an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, putting as many walls as possible between you and the outside
- If you are in a multi-story building, and you cannot get to the lowest floor, pick a hallway in the center of the building
- Stay in the center of the room, away from exterior walls, windows, and doors

### Violence / Active Shooter (CADD):

- **CALL**- 9-1-1
- **AVOID**- If possible, self-evacuate to a safe area outside the building. Follow directions of police officers.
- **DENY**- Barricade the door with desk, chairs, bookcases or any items. Move to a place inside the room where you are not visible. Turn off the lights and remain quiet. Remain there until told by police it's safe.
- **DEFEND**- Use chairs, desks, cell phones or whatever is immediately available to distract and/or defend yourself and others from attack.

**TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE\***

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assignments</b>
<b>Week 1</b> <b>Sep 5-Sep 10</b>	The Universe of Transnational Crime	Review Course Syllabus <b>Book Ch 1:</b> The Universe of Transnational Crime <b>Report Ch 1:</b> The Threat of Transnational Organized Crime
<b>Week 2</b> <b>Sep 11 –Sep 17</b>	Drug Trafficking	<b>Book Ch 2:</b> Drug Trafficking <b>Report Ch 4:</b> Cocaine <b>Report Ch 5:</b> Heroin <b>Assignment I</b> due in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Sep.17.
<b>Week 3</b> <b>Sep 18-Sep 24</b>	Environmental Crime	<b>Book Ch 3:</b> Stolen Property (p.31-34) <b>Report Ch 7:</b> Environmental Resources <b>Movie Review:</b> Watch Blood Diamond (2006) movie and submit your review in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Sep. 24.
<b>Week 4</b> <b>Sep 25-Oct 1</b>	Human Trafficking	<b>Book Ch 5:</b> Human Trafficking <b>Report Ch 2:</b> Trafficking in Persons <b>Report Ch 3:</b> Smuggling of Migrants <b>Literature Review</b> due in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Oct.1. <b>Exam I</b>
<b>Week 5</b> <b>Oct 2-Oct 8</b>	Cybercrime	<b>Book Ch 6:</b> Fraud and Cybercrime

		<p><b>Report Ch 10:</b> Cybercrime</p> <p><b>Book Ch 7:</b> Commercial Vices: Obscenity and Pornography</p> <p><b>Assignment II</b></p>
<p><b>Week 6</b> <b>Oct 9-Oct 15</b></p>	Counterfeiting	<p><b>Book Ch 4:</b> Counterfeiting</p> <p><b>Report Ch 8:</b> Counterfeit Products</p> <p><b>Movie Review:</b> Watch Lord of War (2005) movie and submit your movie review in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Oct. 15.</p>
<p><b>Week 7</b> <b>Oct 16-Oct 22</b></p>	Firearm Trafficking	<p><b>Book Ch 3:</b> Stolen Property (p.27-29)</p> <p><b>Report Ch 6:</b> Firearms</p> <p><b>Exam II</b></p>
<p><b>Week 8</b> <b>Oct 23-Oct 29</b></p>	Maritime Piracy	<p><b>Report Ch 9:</b> Maritime Piracy</p>
<p><b>Week 9</b> <b>Oct 30-Nov 5</b></p>	Money Laundering	<p><b>Book Ch 8:</b> Extortion and Racketeering</p> <p><b>Book Ch 9:</b> Money Laundering</p> <p><b>Assignment III</b></p> <p><b>Movie Review:</b> Watch Untouchables (1987) movie and submit your movie review in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Nov 5.</p>
<p><b>Week 10</b> <b>Nov 6-Nov 12</b></p>	Corruption	<p><b>Ch 10:</b> Corruption</p> <p><b>Exam III</b></p> <p><b>Research Project</b> due in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Nov 12.</p>

<b>Week 11</b> <b>Nov 13-Nov 19</b>	Combatting Transnational Organized Crime	The Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime International Instruments to Combat Transnational Crime <b>Presentation</b> due in Blackboard by 11:59 PM on Sunday Nov 19.
<b>Week 12</b> <b>Nov 20-Nov 26</b>	Presentations	<b>Assignment IV</b>
<b>Week 13</b> <b>Nov 27-Dec 3</b>	Presentations	<b>Assignment V</b>
<b>Week 14</b> <b>Dec 4-Dec 10</b>	Future of Transnational Crime/ Course Review	<b>Exam IV</b>
<b>Week 15</b> <b>Dec 11-Dec 14</b>	Finals Week	

Extra reading materials will be distributed by the instructor through Blackboard during the semester.

\*This syllabus is subject to change by announcement during the course.