Course Description

Addresses judicial efforts against and involvement in corruption, drug, vice, and white-collar crimes, both individual and organized. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a basic understanding of the history and structure of criminal organizations and their dynamics as society changes and criminal justice methods affect their criminal and corrupting influence.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- Define and identify organized criminal groups
- Understand the public's and law enforcement's problems in dealing with organized crime

Major Topics To Be Included

- History of organized criminal groups
- Criminal activities of criminal groups
  - Gambling
  - Loan-sharking
  - Drug Trafficking
  - Theft
  - Labor racketeering
  - Prostitution
  - Pornography
- Combating organized crime

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor