

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CRIM 412		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)													
Course Full Title: Organized Crime Course Short Title: Organized Crime															
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department/School: Criminology and Criminal Justice													
Calendar Description: Examines organized crime in Canada and its global dimensions. Diverse forms of organized crime will be explored, such as traditional organized crime, gangs, and motorcycle gangs. The effectiveness of the criminal justice system responses to various forms of organized crime will be analyzed using empirical research methods.															
Prerequisites (or NONE):		60 university-level credits including CRIM 100, CRIM 103, and 3 additional credits of 100- or 200-level CRIM													
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		NONE													
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		NONE													
Antirequisite Courses (<i>Cannot be taken for additional credit.</i>) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>		Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: No <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Annually Maximum enrolment (for information only): 27													
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture/seminar</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total hours</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture/seminar	45									Total hours	45	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR is available for this course.	
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: No		Transfer Credit (See bctransferguide.ca) Transfer credit already exists: Yes Submit outline for (re)articulation: Yes <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>													
Department approval		Date of meeting: November 3, 2025													
Faculty Council approval		Date of meeting: December 5, 2025													
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: January 30, 2026													

Learning Outcomes *(These should contribute to students' ability to meet program outcomes and thus Institutional Learning Outcomes.)*

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

1. Articulate the challenges in defining and conceptualizing organized crime and other organized crime groups.
2. Evaluate the structure, operations, and typologies of organized crime groups in Canada.
3. Evaluate how racial identity, gender, and socioeconomic factors influence the risk profiles, participation, and criminalization of organized crime groups in Canada.
4. Critically analyze issues relating to organized crime and transnational organized crime.
5. Identify some of the greatest challenges organized crime poses for Canadian society and for the criminal justice system.
6. Apply various theoretical approaches to the study of organized crime.
7. Critically analyze academic, government, and media reports on organized crime.
8. Compare the effectiveness of various crime prevention, policing, and other criminal justice strategies to counter organized crime.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Quizzes/tests/midterm:	30%	Final exam:	30%	Assignments:	40%
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Details:

Assignments may include term papers, presentations, and in-class participation.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Instructional Methods *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures, class discussions, guest speakers

Texts and Resource Materials *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Beare, M.E.	Criminal Conspiracies: Organized Crime in Canada (Oxford University Press)	2015
2. Textbook	Schneider, S.	Canadian Organized Crime, second edition (Canadian Scholars)	2022
3. Online resource	Dickson-Gilmore, E.J., & Whitehead, C.	Aboriginal Organized Crime in Canada: Developing a Typology for Understanding and Exploring Indigenous Offending (Public Safety Canada)	2003
4. Textbook	Comack, E., Deane, L., Morrisette, L., & Silver, J.	Indians Wear Red: Colonialism, Resistance, and Aboriginal Street Gangs (Fernwood Publishing)	2013
5.			

Required Additional Supplies and Materials *(Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)***Course Content and Topics**

- Academic literature and research
- Explaining the existence or organized crime: The theories behind organized crime
- Legal and international treaty definitions of organized crime; the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto
- Organized crime in Canada
- Racialized organized crime groups: Risk profiles, structure, and functions.
- Criminal markets in Canada
- Corruption and organized crime; money laundering; emerging crime
- Organized crime enforcement: Approaches and strategies
- The politics of organized crime legislation
- Organized crime enforcement and control: Policing and prosecution issues
- Organized crime prevention
- International cooperation in combatting transnational organized crime