



## SYLLABUS

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### PALAZZI FLORENCE ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FLORENCE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS SAS - SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS  
**COURSE TITLE: International Organized Crime**  
**COURSE CODE: LA CR IO 250**

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#### 1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

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The course aims at providing instruments of knowledge, analysis and evaluation on the main international organized crime organizations as the various types of Mafia: Italian, Russian and Albanian, South American Cartels, Chinese Triads and Japanese Yakuza. It aims at identifying their historical, economic, political and social causes as well as the factors that have produced and supported them and their contemporary markets. It analyses the range of instruments and strategies to fight against their illegal activities. The course aims at presenting the specific structural and phenomenological aspects of these international mafia and mafia-type organizations, their role in global economies and politics. It provides a glance at some of the cultural languages through which these organizations have been narrated and represented.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

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By the end of the course students should be able to:

- To acquire an informed understanding of the fundamental concepts and contemporary issues in criminology and how they relate to international criminal organizations.
- Understand the diverse typologies of criminal organizations as well as their locations and specific features.
- Understand and describe the nature and extent of various types of crime, and the public policies aimed towards offender treatment.
- Identify the major sources of data on crime trends and patterns, appreciating the issues involved with the scientific measurement of crime and the ways different countries make use of this data to define counter-crime measures.
- Develop critical thinking abilities aimed to achieve informed positions in relationship to controversial criminal public policy issues.

#### 3. REQUIREMENTS

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Prerequisites: no particular prerequisites

Lectures are held in English.

- Students are expected to read and follow the schedule in the course syllabus, to read assigned papers, and text chapters, to revise lecture notes after each lecture or on a weekly basis. In addition students are expected to be alert and attentive with note taking in class and have demonstrated desire to participate in any discussion. Pre- reading of the material is highly recommended to better follow in-class explanations.
- The readings assigned will be given to small groups of students to prepare oral presentations during class.
- These requirements are designed to provide students with opportunities to strengthen their reading, writing, research, oral, and test-taking skills. Students are encouraged to collaborate in study groups, but all written assignments, quizzes, and the exam must be completed by the individual student.
- NO food, drinks (except water), or tobacco products.
- NO cellular phones/pagers/iPods/iPhones, Blackberries etc.

#### **4. METHOD**

During the lessons a variety of instructional methods will be used, including in-class discussions, guest speakers, audiovisual materials, and case studies analysis. In addition, in order to test the student's comprehension the teacher will plan class exercises and oral and written assignments.

Students will be assigned readings taken from the course textbook, which will be discussed during class. Students will be asked to actively participate with oral presentations, and role-play simulations.

#### **5. TEXT BOOK – FURTHER READING - INTERNET RESOURCES**

##### **COURSE TEXT BOOK:**

- 1) Global Crime Today: The Changing Face of Organizations, Mark Galeotti.

##### **LIBRARIES IN FLORENCE**

Students have access to two school libraries at Apicius International School of Hospitality and Florence University of the Arts:

**Florence University of the Arts:** The FUA library is located on the first floor of Corso Tintori 21. Please consult the posted course schedules for official opening times.

Please note that both libraries are consultation only and thus it is not possible to remove texts. Students are encouraged to take advantage of Florence's libraries and research centers:

##### **Biblioteca Palagio di Parte Guelfa**

Located in Piazzetta di Parte Guelfa between Pza della Repubblica and Ponte Vecchio.

Telephone: 055.261.6029. The library is open Monday thru Saturday. This library is open until 10:00pm during weekdays.

##### **Biblioteca delle Oblate**

Located in via dell'Oriuolo 26 (across the street from SQUOLA Center for Contemporary Italian Studies) Telephone: 055 261 6512. Please consult the website [www.bibliotecadelleoblate.it](http://www.bibliotecadelleoblate.it)

for current opening times under “orario”.

### **The Harold Acton Library at the British Institute of Florence**

Address: Lungarno Guicciardini 9. For opening times and student membership information: [www.britishinstitute.it](http://www.britishinstitute.it). This is a fee-based membership library.

### **FURTHER/SUGGESTED READINGS**

- Obokata, Tom. 2010 Transnational Organized Crime in International Law.
- Campbell, Liz. 2013 Organized Crime and the Law: A Comparative Analysis.
- McLennan, Gregor, Jennie Pawson and Mike Fitzgerald (eds.) 1990. *Crime and society: Readings in history and theory*. Routledge.
- Howard Abadinky. 2012 Organized Crime.
- Beccaria, Cesare. 1764. Edited by Richard Bellamy and translated by Richard Davies *et al.* (1995). *On crimes and punishments, and Other Writings*. Cambridge University Press.
- Reiner, R. 2007. *Law and Order. An honest citizen's guide to crime and control*. Polity.

### **6. COURSE SITE VISITS AND FIELDTRIPS**

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N/A

### **7. MATERIAL LIST**

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N/A

### **8. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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N/A

### **9. EVALUATION AND GRADING SYSTEM**

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10% Attendance

20% Class Participation – Assignments

25% Mid Term Exam

30% Final Exam (Written)

15% Research Paper

#### **Final Grade Breakdown**

Please note that a detailed explanation of the above is found in Section 11 (Assignments, Term Papers and Exams).

#### **Grading Scale**

A = 100 – 93% A - = 92 – 90%      B+ = 89 – 87%      B = 86 – 83%      B- = 82 – 80%  
C+ = 79 – 77%      C = 76 – 73%      C- = 72 – 70%      D = 69 – 60%      F = 59 – 0%

### **10. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**

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Academic integrity and mutual respect between instructor and students are central to FUA academic policies. This is reflected in the attendance policy. Class attendance is mandatory and counts towards the final grade. Roll will be taken at the beginning and end of each class. Coming late and leaving earlier affects the attendance and participation grade. It is important that students come to class on time. Two delays will be considered one absence.

Each absence from class will negatively impact your final grade (Attendance).

After the second absence the instructor will notify the student is at risk.

After the third absence the instructor may lower the final grade by one letter grade at the end of the term. (Example: 90/A- = B-)

After the fourth absence the student will receive an automatic Failure.

**It is always the student's responsibility to know how many absences they have in a course.**

**Travel is NEVER an excuse for absence from class.**

## **11. ASSIGNMENTS, TERM PAPERS AND EXAMS**

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### **1) Midterm exam**

Counts for 25% of the final course grade. For exam time and date see schedule below. **The time and date of the exam cannot be changed for any reason.**

Format: the exam is divided into three sections:

Part I: 10 Multiple choice questions. Each perfect answer will give 2 points, summing up to 20 points in case of 10 perfect answers.

Part II: a short-answers questionnaire (10 questions in total). Students will have to answer with concise explanations, main ideas, key words, names, etc... Each correct and complete answer will be given 5 points, summing up to 50 points in case of 10 perfect answers.

Part III: two essays questions; each correct and complete answer will be marked 15 points (content, vocabulary, personal) summing up to 30 points in case of 2 perfect answers.

### **2) Paper**

Counts for 15% of the final course grade.

The paper should be 6 pages long including bibliography and sources.

The title for the Paper / Project will be assigned by the instructor.

Length requirement for paper: 6 pages typed ( double spaced)

Please make sure that the Paper includes a bibliography

Your grade will be based on the paper itself (80 %) and a brief presentation you will give to the class (20 %) summarizing your topics and/or interesting findings.

### **3) Final Exam:**

Counts for 30% of the final course grade. For exam time and date see the schedule below.

**The time and date of the exam cannot be changed for any reason.**

Format: the exam is divided into three sections:

Part I: a short-answers questionnaire (10 questions in total). Students will have to answer with concise explanations, main ideas, key words, names, etc... Each correct and complete answer will be given 5 points, summing up to 50 points in case of 10 perfect answers.

Part II: two essays questions; each correct and complete answer will be marked 10 points, summing up to 20 points in case of 2 perfect answers.  
 Part III: A brief case study analysis.

- **The Final Exam is cumulative**

Please note that the dates and times of ALL exams and presentations cannot be changed.

## 12. LESSON PLAN

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### Lesson 1

Topic	Introduction to the course, syllabus, structure, content and exams
Objective	Become acquainted with the class, the instructor, the assignments and the coursework.
Assignments	Read syllabus in full

### Lesson 2

Topic	North American Organized Crime
Objective	Understand the most relevant criminal organizations operating in North America as well as the measures used to address national security issues
Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 1-19 “North American Organized Crime”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

### Lesson 3

Topic	Italian Organized Crime
Objective	Understand and discuss Mafia as well as other kinds of Mafia-type organizations operating in Italy, both in a historical context and in modern society.
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 19-32 “Italian Organized Crime: Mafia Associations and Criminal Enterprises”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

### Lesson 4

Topic	Globalization and Latin American and Caribbean Organized Crime
Objective	Understand the dynamics of the globalization or crime in relationship to central and south america
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 54 – 70 “Globalization and Latin American and Caribbean Organized Crime”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

### Lesson 5

Topic	Russian Mafia
Objective	Understand the specific features and dynamics of Russian Mafia as a criminal organisation, both in relationship to its process of consolidation and globalization.
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 32-54 “The Russian Mafya: Consolidation and Globalization”.

#### Lesson 6

Topic	Organized Crime in East Central Europe
Objective	Discuss the typologies of organizations operating in central eastern Europe and the particular types of crimes which are associated with these organizations
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 54 – 70 “The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 7

<b>MID TERM EXAM</b>
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#### Lesson 8

<b>SEMESTER BREAK</b>
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#### Lesson 9

Topic	Chinese Organized Crime
Objective	Discuss the criminal organization which are located in continental Asia and their international dynamics with the west
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 70 – 84 “Chinese Organized Crime”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 10

Topic	Japanese Yakuza
Objective	Address the particular features which are associated with Japanese Yakuza
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 92 -116 “The Changing Face of Yakuza!
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 11

Topic	State Crime and North Korea Drug Traffic
Objective	Discuss the concept of state crime in the context of North Korea drug trades
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 117 – 129 “The North Korean Drug Trade”

Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.
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#### Lesson 12

Topic	International Organized Crime and Territoriality
Objective	Discuss the issues which arise from the territoriality conflicts which derive from international crime.
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp. 117 – 129 “The Crime- Terror Continuum: Tracing the Interplay between Transitional Organized Crime and Terrorism”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 13

Topic	Cybercrime
Objective	Discuss the role and relevance of Cybercrime in an international perspective
Reading Assignments	Read Textbook pp.129 – 146 “The Global Dimension of Cybercrime”
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 14

Topic	Final Review and Student Presentations
Objective	Present to the class a case scenatio analysis developed with peer students
Reading Assignments	Prepare for Final Exam
Further Assignments	For details pertaining to additional readings regarding, assignments and homework, please consult the online course moodle.

#### Lesson 15

<b>FINAL EXAM</b>
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