

**Common Course Outline**  
**CRJU 116**  
**Organized Crime**  
**3 Credits**

**Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**CRJU 116 – 3 credits - Organized Crime** examines the history of organized crime and its role in contemporary society. It also examines how federal agencies intervene in the organized crime systems.

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**Prerequisites: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053**

**Overall course Objectives**

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

1. discuss the history of organized crime in the United States;
2. explain the theories behind the existence of organized crime;
3. construct the evolution of organized crime;
4. explain the theories of the business practices of organized crime;
5. breakdown the independent elements of organized crime;
6. summarize federal statutes related to organized crime;
7. examine the federal agencies that intervene in organized crime activities;
8. assess activities related to organized crime and their effect on the economy; and
9. evaluate the impact of organized crime activity and its effect on contemporary society.

**Major Topics**

- I. History of organized crime
  - a. Mafia
  - b. La Cosa Nostra
  - c. Bootlegging and moonshining
- II. Theories of Organized Criminal Behavior
  - a. Organizational theory
  - b. Organized crime as a community social organization
- III. Organized crime in contemporary society
  - a. The existence of La Cosa Nostra today
  - b. Local La Cosa Nostra activity
  - c. Independent elements of organized crime
- IV. The business of organized crime
  - a. Delivery of illicit goods and services
  - b. Money laundering process and trends

- c. Organized crime entry into legitimate business practices
- V. Organized crime activities
  - a. Union activity
  - b. Loan sharking
  - c. Gambling
  - d. Property crime
  - e. Narcotics
  - f. Laundering of income
- VI. Combating organized crime
  - a. Federal statutes
  - b. Internal Revenue Service
  - c. Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - d. Drug Enforcement Administration
  - e. Federal Witness Protection Program
  - f. Wiretap and eavesdropping methods and statutes
  - g. State and local enforcement
  - h. Criminal intelligence gathering

### **Course Requirements**

Students are required to utilize academically-appropriate sources.

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At two (2) testing instruments to include examinations and/or tests.
2. Written assignments: The individual faculty member will determine specific number of written assignments; minimum of one such assignment such as:
  - Summaries of current events and their relation to course material;
  - Research project (topics may include any subject related to the course)

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a Criminal Justice Studies elective course.