WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Topics in Criminal Justice: ORGANIZED CRIME
COURSE NUMBER: CRJ 461

I. RATIONALE:

This specialized type of crime continues to be a serious problem in society and influences control on many aspects of American society.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

GOAL A:
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the structure of organized crime.

Learning Outcomes:

A-1 Explain the attributes of organized crime groups.
A-2 Discuss the hierarchal structure.
A-3 Define the role of various organized crime members in the organization.
A-4 Explain the elements necessary for membership.
A-5 List the internal roles of behavior for members of organized crime groups.
A-6 List the family structure of traditional organized crime.

GOAL B:
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the history of organized crime groups in the United States.

Learning Outcomes:

B-1 Trace the history of the Mafia from its legitimate roots in Sicily to its illegal activity in America.
B-2 Discuss the history of and growth of the five Mafia families in America.
B-3 Identify the leading figures in the history of the American Mafia families.
B-4 Explain the role that prohibition played in the growth of American organized crime.
B-5 Explain the role that the American Robber Barons played in the growth of American organized crime.

GOAL C:

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Students will demonstrate an understanding of the growth of organized crime as a national and international crime problem.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- **C-1** Explain the growth of organized crime in New York.
- **C-2** Explain the growth of organized crime in Chicago.
- **C-3** Explain the growth of organized crime in Philadelphia.
- **C-4** Explain the growth of organized crime in New Orleans.
- **C-5** Explain the growth of organized crime with international crime groups.
- **C-6** Explain the differences between traditional organized crime and the new modern ethnic groups.

**GOAL D:**
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the activity of organized crime and the laws passed to combat it.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- **D-1** Discuss gambling, loan-sharking, extortion and corruption activities of organized crime.
- **D-2** Discuss the laws that are used to combat organized crime.
- **D-3** Discuss the use of informants, wire taps, witnesses and undercover operatives as the law enforcement tools used in organized crime investigations.
- **D-4** Discuss the roles of the FBI, state and local police in the investigation of organized crime.
- **D-5** Explain the specialized laws including RICO that are used in the investigation and prosecution of organized crime.

**GOAL E:**
Students will use appropriate written and oral communication skills.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- **E-1** Participate in a group oral presentation on selected topics concerning ethnic organized crime groups.
- **E-2** Submit written reports and responses to class participation and assigned readings using APA style.