



**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADMINISTRATIVE-MASTER SYLLABUS**

The Administrative- Master Syllabus is an administrative tool; it is **not intended to be distributed to students**. It is the intention of this Administrative-Master Syllabus to provide a general description of the course, outline the required elements of the course and to lay the foundation for course assessment for the improvement of student learning, as specified by the faculty of TVCC, regardless of who teaches the course, the timeframe by which it is instructed, or the instructional method by which the course is delivered. It is not intended to restrict the manner by which an individual faculty member teaches the course but to be an administrative tool to aid in the improvement of instruction. The Administrative-Master Syllabus will demonstrate that there is consistency and comparability in course offerings.

Course Title

Special Topics/ Organized Crime

Course Prefix and Number

CJSA 1392

Department – Division

Criminal Justice/Vocational and Technical Division

Course Type – select from one of the following categories.

- **Academic General Education Course** (from ACGM – but not in TVCC Core)
- **Academic TVCC Core Course**
- X - **WECM Courses**

Semester Credit Hours: Lecture Hours: Lab/other hours

Semester Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/Other* Hours
3	3	0

Other hours include practicum, clinical or other types of non-lecture instruction. *If other, please specify: _____

Course Catalog Description

Topics address recently identified current events, skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes and behaviors pertinent to the technology or occupation and relevant to the professional development of the student.

Prerequisites/co requisites

None

Topical Outline

Outline:

Attributes and structure.
Explaining Organized Crime.
The history of organized crime in the United States.
Organized crime in New York.
Organized crime in Chicago.
African American and Black Organized Crime.
Italian Organized Crime.
Latino Organized Crime.
Russian Organized Crime.
Asian Organized Crime.
The business of organized crime: gambling, loan sharking, theft, fencing, and sex.
Organized Crime in labor and business.
Organized Crime and drugs.
Organized Crime Statutes.
Organized Crime Law-enforcement.

Course Learning Outcomes

To gain an understanding of the history of organized crime families.
To gain an understanding of the common traits and differences in the different organized crime families and their activities.
To gain an understanding of the role of organized crime in labor and business.
To gain an understanding of organized crime statutes.
To gain an understanding of organized crime law enforcement strategies.

Relationship to General Education Outcomes – In addition to the core competencies, Trinity Valley Community College has established ten general education goals which specify knowledge and skills that students should gain from completing courses in the various component areas of the core curriculum. Information regarding

curriculum and assessment as a means for the improvement of student learning through the general education component. (Select all that apply.)

Mark with an "X"	General Education Outcome
X	A. To communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written English.
	B. To improve reading skills focused on comprehending, analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating printed materials.
	C. To understand mathematical information and utilize mathematical skills.
X	D. To demonstrate qualitative and quantitative critical thinking skills.
X	E. To understand and appreciate cultural and ethnic diversity.
X	F. To utilize computer based technology in accessing information, solving problems, and communicating.
	G. To recognize and evaluate artistic achievements in the visual and performing arts.
X	H. To improve basic understanding of political, economic, and social systems.
	I. To demonstrate knowledge of the physical universe and living systems.
	J. To develop skills and strategies to become an engaged learner.

Required Text(s)

Organized Crime by Howard Abadinsky, Current Edition. Thomson/Wadsworth Publication.

Optional Text(s)

Material/Technology to be supplied by the student.

Note taking materials

Course Requirements/Grading System – describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course; not intended to restrict the individual nature by which each faculty member who teaches the course determines course requirements and final

student performance, but should offer consistency within reason for all sections taught for those departments without a standardized format.

Do all assigned readings and related homework. Come to class on time. Come to class prepared and bring appropriate materials. Students are expected to demonstrate a mature attitude toward the subject matter and participate enthusiastically in class.

Approvals – the contents of this document have been reviewed and are found to be accurate.

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