

Vice & Narcotic Investigation (CJLE 2345)



Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

Course Description:

Classifications of commonly used narcotics, dangerous drugs, gambling, sex crimes, fraud, gangs, and investigative techniques. Includes proper interdiction procedures and techniques.

Required Text and Materials

1. *Global Drug Enforcement: Practical Investigative Techniques*, Gregory D. Lee, CRC Press, ISBN 978-0-8-4931629-6
2. TX-Homeland-Security-Strategic-Plan-2010-2015
<http://www.governor.state.tx.us/files/press-office/TX-Homeland-Security-Strategic-Plan-2010-2015.pdf>
3. A package of #882 Scantrons and #2 pencils.
4. Notebook
5. 2GB Flash Drive

Course Objectives

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

1. Recognize various classifications of narcotics, dangerous drugs, gambling, sex crimes, gangs, and fraud.
2. Demonstrate proper investigative techniques.
3. Explain proper interdiction procedures and techniques.

Course Outline

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| A. Introduction to Drug Law Enforcement | 1. Purpose |
| 1. International in scope | 2. Motivational Factors |
| 2. Finance and Banking | 3. Restricted Use |
| 3. Communication Skills | E. Sources of Information |
| 4. Foreign Relations | 1. Airline Ticket Agents |
| B. Source Countries | 2. Taxi Drivers |
| 1. Columbia | 3. Credit Bureaus |
| 2. Mexico | F. Surveillance |
| 3. Canada | 1. Definition and Purpose |
| C. Drug Identification | 2. Types of Surveillance |
| 1. Drug Scheduling | 3. Objectives of Surveillance |
| 2. Narcotic Depressant | G. Undercover Operations |
| 3. Cocaine | 1. Definition of Undercover |
| 4. Marijuana | 2. Purpose of Undercover Operations |
| D. Confidential Informants | 3. Qualification for Undercover Work |

4. Undercover Agent Traits
5. Necessary Preparations for Undercover Assignments
- H. Flash Roll Management
 1. Surprise Flashes vs. Scheduled Flashes
 2. Creating a Controlled Environment
 3. Using Second Undercover Agent
 4. Use of an Informant to Display the Money
 5. Seeing Drugs before Displaying the Money
- I. Evidence Collection and Preservation
 1. Categories of Evidence
 2. Collection of Evidence
 3. Drug Evidence
 4. Chain of Custody
 5. Field Testing of Drug Evidence
 6. Nondrug Evidence
- J. U.S. Sentencing Guidelines for Drug Offenses Background
 1. Federal Parole Abolished
 2. Longer Prison Sentences
 3. The Sentencing Table
- K. Raid Planning and Execution
 1. Raid Planning
 2. Types of Raids
 3. Site Surveys
 4. Raid Briefing
 5. Equipment
 6. Raid Execution
- L. Drug Conspiracy Investigations
 1. Definition of Conspiracy
 2. Punishment for Conspiracy
 3. Elements of Proof
 4. Pinkerton Theory of Vicarious Liability
 5. Types of Conspiracies
- M. Clandestine Laboratories
 1. Specialty within Drug Law Enforcement
 2. Booby-Traps
 3. Countering Booby-Traps
 4. Recognizing Clan Labs
- N. Transportation Hub Interdiction Operations
 1. Courier Profiling
 2. Approaching the Passenger
 3. Other Considerations
4. Hotel Profiling
- O. Smuggling and Smugglers
 1. Definition of Smuggling
 2. Agencies Conducting Smuggling Investigations
 3. Methods of Smuggling
 4. Methods of Concealment
 5. Unwitting Accomplices
 6. Swallowers
 7. Smugglers' Profile
 8. Drug Smuggling Organizations
- P. Controlled Deliveries
 1. Definition of Controlled Delivery
 2. Internationally Controlled Delivery Scenario
 3. Methods of Delivery
 4. Domestic Controlled Deliveries
 5. Mail Drops
 6. Using a Ruse
 7. Physical Evidence
- Q. Drug Intelligence
 1. The Intelligence Analyst
 2. Information Debriefings
 3. Telephone Subscriber Information
 4. Telephone Toll Analysis
 5. Wiretaps
- R. Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering
 1. Federal Civil and Criminal Forfeitures
 2. Judicial Forfeitures
 3. Administrative Forfeitures
 4. Criminal Forfeiture Procedures
 5. Advantages of Criminal Forfeitures
 6. Equitable Sharing Programs
 7. Who Gets What
 8. Permissible Use of the Money
 9. Methods of Investigation
- S. Shared Traits of Drug Traffickers and Terrorists
 1. Organizational Structure
 2. Drug and Terrorism Source Countries
 3. Money Laundering
 4. Communications
 5. Training Manuals
 6. Immigration Fraud and False Identity Documents
 7. Smuggling Techniques

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| 8. Airport Profiling | 2. Colombia |
| 9. Human Sources of Information | 3. Peru |
| T. Nexus between Drugs and Terrorism | 4. Middle East |
| 1. Afghanistan | |

Grade Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
0 – 59	F

Course Evaluation

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

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| 1. | Chapter Tests | 25% |
| 2. | Chapter Assignments | 25% |
| 3. | Chapter Discussions | 10% |
| 4. | Final Project | 40% |

Course Requirements

1. Orally present a weekly current event pertaining to the present chapter topic.
2. Participate in students-to-instructor discussions pertaining to the studied chapter assignments.
3. Work in groups of four or five students to research a topic assigned by the course instructor, and develop a video or PowerPoint presentation on the topic.
4. Participate in student-to-student discussions regarding articles included in selected chapters.

Course Policies

1. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
2. Beepers, telephones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class.
3. Do not bring children to class.
4. No late assignments will be accepted.
5. Students that miss a test are not allowed to make up the test. Students that miss a test will receive a grade of '0'.
6. Attendance Policy. Two absences are allowed. If a student is tardy to class or departs early three (3) times, it will be equal to one (1) absence. Each absence beyond two absences will result in a 5 point deduction from your final grade.
7. If you wish to drop a course, the student is responsible for initiating and completing the drop process. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an 'F' in the course.

Disabilities Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of

1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the office in Student Services, Cecil Beeson Building.

Student Code of Conduct Statement

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

Course Schedule (subject to change)

Week	Topics	Reference
1	Overview - Syllabus, Use of Blackboard, write a one page report on what you hope to get out of this course, and how the course will help your future career goals.	TX Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2010-2015 (pages 3-39)
2	Chapter 1. Introduction to Drug Law Enforcement Chapter 2. Source Countries	Textbook pgs. 2-6 Textbook pgs. 7-16
3	Chapter 3. Drug Identification and User Recognition Chapter 4. Confidential Informants	Textbook pgs. 17-62 Textbook pgs. 63-88
4	Chapter 5. Sources of Information Chapter 6. Surveillance and Counter-Surveillance	Textbook pgs. 89-96 Textbook pgs. 97-114
5	Chapter 7. Undercover Operations Exam 1 (Chapters 1-6)	Textbook pgs. 115-154
6	Chapter 8. Flash Roll Management Chapter 9. Evidence Collection and Preservation	Textbook pgs. 155-160 Textbook pgs. 161-168
7	Chapter 10. U.S. Sentencing Guidelines for Drug Offenses Chapter 11. Raid Planning and Execution	Textbook pgs. 169-176 Textbook pgs. 177-188
8	Chapter 12. Drug Conspiracy Investigations Exam 2 (Chapter 7-12)	Textbook pgs. 189- 226
9	SPRING BREAK	
10	Chapter 13. Clandestine Laboratories Chapter 14. Transportation Hub Interdiction Operations	Textbook pgs. 227-232 Textbook pgs. 233-238
11	Chapter 15. Smuggling and Smugglers Chapter 16. Controlled Deliveries	Textbook pgs. 239-254 Textbook pgs. 255-260
12	Chapter 17. Drug Intelligence Chapter 18. Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering	Textbook pgs. 261-268 Textbook pgs. 269-286

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Course Syllabus

13	Chapter 19. Shared Traits of Drug Traffickers and Terrorists	Textbook pgs. 287-294
14	Chapter 20. Nexus between Drugs and Terrorism	Textbook pgs. 295-300
15	Course Project Due	