Globalization of Security Threat Groups (CJSA 2371)

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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CREDIT
3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION
online

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:
 NONE

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Examination of links between organized crime and security threat groups. Includes information concerning current security threat groups and terrorist; ties to ethnic-related organized crimes; transnational gang economy, drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms, intellectual property, gang movement, the Internet and the terrorist connection. This course is time-bound, structured and completed fully online.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to
1. Describe gang globalization.
2. Discuss three types of gang movements including migration and deportation.
3. Outline the three criminal activities that aid in gang globalization.
4. State what a transnational gang is.
5. Discuss how technology impacts globalization.
6. Distinguish the differences between organized crime and security threat groups.
7. Describe and explain the links organized crime, gangs and terrorists share.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS
Terrorism and Organized Hate Crime: Intelligence Gathering, Analysis and Investigations, 3rd Edition, by Michael R. Ronczkowski © 2011 a. ISBN: 978-1-43-986759-4

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to log into Blackboard at least 3 times per week. Regular participation is necessary to pass this course.

DROP POLICY
If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the Academic Calendar. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an "F" in the course.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT
For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date) Submission Deadline is **before** 10 p.m. All **Initial Discussion** Posts are due on Wednesdays.
2/11 - 2/17	Introduction/Orientation Week	2/12: Syllabus Review	2/14: Introduction Discussion 2/17: Discussion Replies Introduction Assignment Syllabus Quiz
2/18 - 2/24	A need for understanding analysis	2/19: Chapter 1	2/24: Chapter 1 Assignment
2/25 - 3/2	Understanding and defining terrorism	2/26: Chapter 2	2/28: Chapter 2 Discussion 3/2: Discussion Replies
3/3 - 3/9	Homeland security analysis	3/4: Chapter 3	3/6: Chapter 3 Assignment
3/10 - 3/16	**Spring Break**	**No Readings**	**No Assignments**
3/17 - 3/23	Behavioral traits and suspicious activity	3/18: Chapter 4	3/20: Chapter 4 Discussion 3/23: Discussion Replies Exam 1: Chapters 1-4
3/24 -3/30	Gathering information, the key to the process	3/25: Chapter 5	3/30: Chapter 5 Assignment Final Project Outline Due

3/31- 4/6	Enhancing investigations: Going beyond the traditional	4/1: Chapter 6	4/3: Chapter 6 Discussion 4/6: Discussion Replies
4/7 - 4/13	Working the puzzle one piece at a time: Learning to anticipate behavior	4/8: Chapter 7	4/13: Chapter 7 Assignment Exam 2: Chapters 5-7
4/14 - 4/20	Enhanced analysis: Transforming information into intelligence	4/15: Chapter 8	4/17: Chapter 8 Discussion 4/20: Discussion Replies
4/21 - 4/27	The threat: The future is here today- Learning from the past	4/22: Chapter 9	4/27: Chapter 9 Assignment
4/28 - 5/4	What the future may hold	4/29: Chapter 10	5/1: Chapter 10 Discussion 5/4: Discussion Replies Exam 3: Chapters 8-10
5/5-5/8	Final Projects Due	Final Projects Due	5/6: Final Project due before 10 p.m. 5/7: Final GRADES SUBMITTED

COURSE EVALUATION
Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:
- Unit Assignments   30%
- Unit Exams   25%
- Course Project   25%
- Chapter Discussions   20%

GRADING SCALE
90-100   A
80-89   B
70-79   C
60-69   D
0-59   F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology (lit.edu).

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. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

STARFISH

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ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

I DO **NOT** accept late work. All assignments are due as scheduled. No Make-up Exams. There are a few exceptions but those will be discussed on a case by case basis (ex. Medical situation such as hospitalization).

Preferred means of communication: Email: tnstelly@lit.edu or phone: (409) 247-5224

Communication Response Time: Expected response time for communications with instructor is 24- 48 hours (except weekends).

Grading Response Time: Assignments should be returned with grades within 2 weeks.