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Organised Crime

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Centre for Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MPICT or PGDipPICT or PGCertPICT or MPICTMIntSecStud or MIntSecStud or PGDipIntSecStud or PGCertIntSecStud

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores the essential characteristics of organised crime by reference to sociological theories of causation and examination of case studies of the major criminal enterprises around the world, including those in the emerging democracies and ungoverned territories. It also traverses the nexus between organised crime and terrorism, its present impact and its future threat before examining state responses to this criminal phenomenon.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Demonstrate an advanced comprehension of the dynamics of organized crime

Apply Social Research skills, especially in the context of contemporary organised crime

Critically evaluate key capabilities

Demonstrate the capacity to add to scholarly theories of organized crime through analysis of case studies

Demonstrate an ability to create informed assessments of organized crime, upon which treatment and prevention policies could be formulated

Exhibit collaborative skills in problem solving

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Annotated Bibliographies	20%	22 March 2013
Minor Assignment	30%	3 May 2013
Major Assignment	50%	31 May 2013

Annotated Bibliographies

Due: **22 March 2013**

Weighting: **20%**

For details on this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site

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Minor Assignment

Due: **3 May 2013**

Weighting: **30%**

For details of this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site

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Major Assignment

Due: **31 May 2013**

Weighting: **50%**

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Delivery and Resources

Unit Requirements and Expectations

In accordance with normal Macquarie University expectations, you should spend, on average, **at least 12 hours per week** on this unit (i.e. 3 hours per credit point). This time should be spent on the following activities:

Listening to the pre-recorded lecture prior to the seminar discussion and reading the required articles listed under Required Readings.

Engaging in discussion on-line and during contact periods.

Preparing the introductory paper.

Preparing the annotated bibliographies..

Preparing the research paper.

In addition, internal students are expected to attend all lectures.

Required Readings:

The citations for all the required reading for this unit are available to enrolled students through the unit iLearn site, the CD reading list and at Macquarie University's Library eReserve site. Electronic copies of required readings may be accessed at the eReserve site.

Recommended Readings:

Recommended readings will be posted at the unit iLearn site as the Session progresses

Technology Used and Required:

Personal PC and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement. The unit can only be accessed by enrolled students online through <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

How to submit assessment tasks

All assignments must be submitted on [ilearn](#) as an electronic file attachment (preferably using MS Word).

Assignments submitted on Email or posted on the Discussion Board of iLearn will not be accepted.

Assignments must be submitted by the due date.

Assignments must be submitted with an **Assessment Coversheet**, incorporating a plagiarism declaration. A copy of this declaration can be found at: www.arts.mq.edu.au/current_students/postgraduate_coursework

The granting on extensions of up to one week are at the discretion of the unit convenor. Any requests for extensions must be made in writing before the due date for the submission of the assessment task. Extensions beyond one week are subject to special consideration. The policy for this is detailed under Policy and Procedures.

Late Submission of Assessment Tasks:

There is a penalty for the late submission of assessment tasks. If an assignment is submitted late it will initially be marked as if it had been submitted on time. However, 5% of the weighting allocated for the assignment will then be deducted from the mark the student initially achieves in the assessment task for each day it is late. For example, if the assessment task's weighting is 20, 1.00 mark per day will be deducted from the initial mark given per day it is late i.e. a task initially given 15/20 but which is submitted four days late will lose 4 x 1.00 marks. That means 15/20 – 4 marks = 11/20. It is the second mark which will be recorded in gradebook.

The same principle applies if a student seeks and is granted an extension and the assessment task is submitted later than the amended submission date.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of

Policy Central.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

UniWISE provides:

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/
- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

Details of these services can be accessed at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/>.

IT Help

If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Annotated Bibliographies
- Minor Assignment
- Major Assignment

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Critically evaluate key capabilities
- Exhibit collaborative skills in problem solving

Assessment tasks

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

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