

CRIM90025 Organised Crime and Human Trafficking

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2014.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Criminology or Political Science
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Objectives, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry. It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and the Disability Liaison Unit: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	While organised crime has existed for centuries, it is only recently that the international community has begun to take it seriously as a transnational 'soft' (i.e. non-military) security issue. For example, the most frequently cited convention against transnational organised crime – that of the UN – dates only from 2000. Similarly, while drug and weapons trafficking has long been a concern of states and IOs (International Organisations), the focus on <i>human</i> trafficking essentially dates from the late-1990s. Human trafficking is now seen as the fastest growing form of trafficking and, along with cybercrime, the preferred form of criminal activity for an increasing number of criminal gangs and organisations. This subject will explore both the phenomena of transnational organised crime (TOC) and human trafficking, and the discourses surrounding them. The coverage will be international, but with an emphasis on Europe and South-east Asia. The subject will focus on trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation, but will also consider other forms of human trafficking.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subject, students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Critically examine the definitional debates on both organised crime and trafficking; # Identify the main activities of contemporary (since WWII) organised crime – globally, but with a particular emphasis on both Europe/Asia and human trafficking; # Examine the various methods used to measure the scale of organised crime activity and human trafficking; # Elaborate and evaluate the main theories of the reasons for organised crime and its dynamism; # Consider the relative merits and weaknesses of the abolitionist and regulationist positions on human trafficking; # Study and assess the approaches of states, IOs, NGOs (non-government organisations) and other agencies to organised crime and trafficking.
Assessment:	2 x 500 word briefing papers (each worth 10%) due throughout the semester, a 3000 word research essay (60%) due in October, and a 1000 word briefing paper (20%) due during the examination period. Hurdle Requirement: This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% seminar attendance. Regular participation in seminars is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.

Prescribed Texts:	There will be a Reading Pack. In addition, H. Abadinsky, Organised Crime (Wadsworth, 2013 – 10th ed.) and L. Shelley, Human Trafficking (Cambridge UP, 2010)
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of Criminology 100 Point Master of International Relations 150 Point Master of Criminology 200 Point Master of Criminology 200 Point Master of International Relations