

CJ390
Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
Winter session

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Course Objective: This class will examine the issue of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs. The focus will be on the subculture, criminal activity, organizational structure, law enforcement response, and overall role that Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs have played in society.

Text: Biker Gangs and Transnational Organized Crime, 2nd edition. Thomas Barker.

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance: This is an online class. Students will be expected to complete all assignments during the times they are made available through BlackBoard. Each set of powerpoints, videos, and assignments will be made available on the first day of class and will remain available until January 5th at 11:59pm. Students may complete the class at their own pace, but all assignments must be finished by January 5th at 11:59pm.

2. Discussion boards: There are discussion boards set up for each video students are expected to watch. All students are asked to contribute to each discussion of the videos. Please be respectful to your fellow students opinions when making comments on the discussion boards. Each discussion board is worth 20 points.

3. Summaries. Each section students will write a summary of the readings. Each summary should include the major points being made by the author in the respective chapters. The summaries should be treated like short papers, using proper grammar and structure. The summaries are worth 50 points each.

4. Grade. There are 390 points possible in the class.

Grade Scale: A = 390-351 points
B = 350-311 points
C = 310-271 points
D = 270-231 points
F = < 230 points

5. Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities will be accommodated according to the policies of the Office of Students with Disabilities. Written verification of the disability, provided by the Office of Students with Disabilities, must be provided to the

professor.

6. Academic Dishonesty: Students enrolling in the University assume responsibility for conduct compatible with the learning environment of the University. Students are expected to be familiar with Student Conduct and Student Grievances: Rights and Responsibility. This policy describes the University's expectations for student conduct, sanctions imposed for violations of the standards, and procedures which students may follow in filing grievances.

The University gives high priority to matters of academic ethics and abhors all types of cheating, including plagiarism. Plagiarism is the act of representing the work of another as one's own and may consist of copying, paraphrasing, or otherwise using written or oral work of another without proper acknowledgment of the source or presenting oral or written material prepared by another as one's own.

Instructor may impose sanctions for academic cheating in accordance with Student Conduct and Student Grievances: Rights and Responsibilities. In the case of plagiarism, the minimum sanction of the first instance of plagiarism is failure for the course and disciplinary probation; for the second instance of plagiarism, the minimum sanction is separation from the University for one term; and for a third instance of plagiarism, the minimum sanction is permanent separation from the University.