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

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

1) Introduction to Drug Law Enforcement
   a) International in scope
   b) Finance and Banking
   c) Communication Skills
   d) Foreign Relations
2) Source Countries
   a) Columbia
   b) Mexico
   c) Canada
3) Drug Identification
   a) Drug Scheduling
   b) Narcotic Depressant
   c) Cocaine
   d) Marijuana
4) Confidential Informants
   a) Purpose
   b) Motivational Factors
   c) Restricted Use
5) Sources of Information
   a) Airline Ticket Agents
   b) Taxi Drivers
   c) Credit Bureaus
6) Surveillance
   a) Definition and Purpose
   b) Types of Surveillance
   c) Objectives of Surveillance
7) Undercover Operations
   a) Definition of Undercover
   b) Purpose of Undercover Operations
   c) Qualifications for Undercover Work
   d) Undercover Agent Traits
   e) Necessary Preparations for Undercover Assignments
8) Flash Roll Management
   a) Surprise Flashes vs. Scheduled Flashes

b) Creating a Controlled Environment
c) Using Second Undercover Agent
d) Use of an Informant to Display the Money
e) Seeing Drugs before Displaying the Money

9) Evidence Collection and Preservation
   a) Categories of Evidence
   b) Collection of Evidence
   c) Drug Evidence
   d) Chain of Custody
   e) Field Testing of Drug Evidence
   f) Nondrug Evidence

10) U.S. Sentencing Guidelines for Drug Offenses
    a) Federal Parole Abolished
    b) Longer Prison Sentences
    c) The Sentencing Table

11) Raid Planning and Execution
    a) Raid Planning
    b) Types of Raids
    c) Site Surveys
    d) Raid Briefing
    e) Equipment
    f) Raid Execution

12) Drug Conspiracy Investigations
    a) Definition of Conspiracy
    b) Punishment for Conspiracy
    c) Elements of Proof
    d) Pinkerton Theory of Vicarious Liability
    e) Types of Conspiracies

13) Clandestine Laboratories
    a) Specialty within Drug Law Enforcement
    b) Booby-Traps
    c) Countering Booby-traps
    d) Recognizing Clandestine Labs

14) Transportation Hub Interdiction Operations
    a) Courier Profiling
    b) Approaching the Passenger

c) Other Considerations
d) Hotel Profiling

15) Smuggling and Smugglers
    a) Definition of Smuggling
    b) Agencies Conducting Smuggling Investigations
    c) Methods of Smuggling
    d) Methods of Concealment
    e) Unwitting Accomplices
    f) Swallowers
    g) Smugglers' Profile
    h) Drug Smuggling Organizations

16) Controlled Deliveries
    a) Definition of Controlled Delivery
    b) Internationally Controlled Delivery Scenario
    c) Methods of Delivery
    d) Domestic Controlled Deliveries
    e) Mail Drops
    f) Using a Ruse
    g) Physical Evidence

17) Drug Intelligence
    a) The Intelligence Analyst
    b) Information Debriefings
    c) Telephone Subscriber Information
    d) Telephone Toll Analysis
    e) Wiretaps

18) Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering
    a) Federal Civil and Criminal Forfeitures
    b) Judicial Forfeitures
    c) Administrative Forfeitures
    d) Criminal Forfeiture Procedures
    e) Advantages of Criminal Forfeitures
    f) Equitable Sharing Programs
    g) Who Gets What
    h) Permissible Use of the Money
    i) Methods of Investigation

19) Shared Traits of Drug Traffickers and Terrorists
    a) Organizational Structure

b) Drug and Terrorism Source Countries
c) Money Laundering
d) Communications
e) Training Manuals
f) Immigration Fraud and False Identity Documents
g) Smuggling Techniques
h) Airport Smuggling
i) Human Sources of Information
20) Nexus between Drugs and Terrorism
   a) Afghanistan
   b) Colombia
   c) Peru
   d) Middle East

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:

1.   Chapter Tests   30%
2.   Assignments   50%
3.   Final Project   20%

Course Policies
1. No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in class.
2. Computers, telephones, headphones, and any other electronic devices must be turned off while in class or used only with permission of the instructor.
3. Do not bring children to class.
4. 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.
5. Additional class policies as defined

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https://help.blackboard.com/en-us/Learn/9.1_2014_04/Student/015_Browser_Support/015_Browser_Support_Policy   A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of the online technology and resources.

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