



COURSE OUTLINE			
TERM: Fall 2025		COURSE NO: LAW 467	
INSTRUCTOR:		COURSE TITLE: Transnational Criminal Law	
OFFICE: LOCAL:		SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
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OFFICE HOURS:			
COURSE WEBSITE:			

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

COURSE FORMAT

This course will be offered in either a synchronous or asynchronous on-line format, four hours per week for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams. For either on-line format, the instructor will provide weekly case readings and students will work to complete weekly exercises and discussions. Three out of the four instructional hours will be completed with lectures and a fourth hour will consist of a combination of at home and on-line work supported through eLearn.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

LAW 101, LAW 110, and LAW 210; OR 60 credits of 100-level or higher coursework

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

The course will focus on the major existing and emerging transnational crimes that have been made subject to investigation and law enforcement, such as piracy, trafficking, terrorism, and cyber and environmental crimes. Students will gain a thorough knowledge of ongoing challenges regarding jurisdiction over such crimes, as well as the problems facing international and domestic courts in suppressing, investigating, and prosecuting transnational criminal activities.

COURSE NOTE

LAW 467 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

N Boister, *An Introduction to Transnational Criminal Law*, 2nd ed (Oxford University Press, 2018).

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Effectively describe and explain the principles of transnational criminal law, including those relating to the rule of law, substantive justice, and domestic and international crimes;
2. Understand jurisdiction over transnational crime; and
3. Understand suppression conventions and enforcement cooperation;
4. Understand international law enforcement cooperation, asset recovery, and extradition of transnational criminals; and
5. Analyze and apply statutory rules, legal principles, and domestic practices in the prosecution of international crimes, including:
 - (1) piracy and maritime safety offences,
 - (2) slavery, human trafficking, and migrant smuggling,
 - (3) trafficking in drugs, firearms, and cultural artefacts,
 - (4) terrorism,
 - (5) transnational organized crime, corruption, and money laundering,
 - (6) cybercrimes, and
 - (7) environmental crimes.

Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:

1. Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies;
2. Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society;
3. Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change; and
4. Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.

COURSE CONTENT

WEEKLY COURSE CONTENT	
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1	INTRODUCTION TO TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW The introductory lecture explains the nature of transnational crime and transnational criminal law. It will also examine its goals and values.
2	PIRACY AND MARITIME SAFETY OFFENCES & TERRORISM This lecture looks at piracy and maritime safety offences and terrorism.
3	SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MIGRANT SMUGGLING This week we examine slavery, human trafficking, and migrant smuggling.

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4	DRUG TRAFFICKING, FIREARMS TRAFFICKING & ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN CULTURAL ARTEFACTS In this lecture we will discuss the crimes of drug trafficking, firearms trafficking, and illicit trafficking in cultural artefacts.
5	TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME, CORRUPTION & MONEY LAUNDERING In this lecture we look at transnational organized crime, corruption, and money laundering.
6	CYBERCRIMES, ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES & EMERGING TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES This lecture focuses on cybercrimes, environmental crimes, and some of the emerging transnational crimes.
7	MID-TERM EXAM
8	JURISDICTION For the next lecture we will examine establishing and enforcing jurisdiction over transnational crime in addition to immunity from jurisdiction.
9	TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES OF DOMESTIC CONCERN This week we examine purely domestic crimes with a transnational element, territoriality, and extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction.
10	INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION In this week's lecture we look at how international law enforcement cooperates to suppress transnational crime.
11	ASSET RECOVERY For this week we will look at transnational asset recovery, including tracing, freezing, seizing, confiscation, and forfeiture.
12	EXTRADITION This week includes a look at the legal basis, procedure, conditions for, and exceptions to extradition, including the interplay with human rights.
13	INSTITUTIONS, IMPLEMENTATION & COMPLIANCE The final lecture will focus on the various organizations that deal with transnational crime and the mechanisms for implementation and compliance.
14-15	FINAL EXAM PERIOD: Final Exam

EVALUATION PROFILE

Mid-Term Exam	30-35%
Final Exam	30-35%
Group Discussions & Participation	0-10%
Research Paper	<u>25-30%</u>
TOTAL	100%

Research Paper

This course will include a research paper on a matter related to transnational criminal law.

Participation

If a participation grade is provided, then it is allocated to the consistency, quality, and frequency of contributions to class discussions and class presentations. Consistency means attending every class and actively contributing to discussions on a regular basis. Quality means demonstrating respect for peers and their contributions, listening attentively during lectures and when other students are speaking, and participating in all activities with an open and inquisitive mind.

Mid-Term and Final Exams

There will be a mid-term exam in Week 7 covering Weeks 1-6 of the materials and a final exam covering Weeks 8-13 of the materials. The format of the exams will be determined by the instructor and may include a combination of true/false, multiple choice, matching, short answer, and essay questions. The final exam will be scheduled at a date to be determined by the Registrar's Office.

GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" will not be assigned in this course.

Late Assignments

Homework assignments are due at the **start of class** on the due date unless otherwise advised by your instructor. Late assignments will only be accepted if prior approval for a late submission date has been given by the instructor.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Missed exams or quizzes will receive a grade of "0" unless PRIOR arrangements (wherever possible) are made with the instructor. Permission to make up an exam will only be given in extraordinary situations such as illness of the student or the death of a close family member. Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance

Regular attendance and punctuality are both essential and expected due to the nature and format of the course materials.

English Usage

All assignments are marked for correct English usage, proofreading, and formatting.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.