

# HUMN 6001 TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND HUMAN SECURITY THREAT

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** Transnational crime generates serious individual and collective social harm, and poses human security threats at national, regional and international levels. It challenges states, exploits individuals, compromises economies and the environment, destroys civil society, and ultimately weakens democracy. This subject begins by assessing the concepts and definitions of transnational crime. Instead of offering a general overview of transnational crime, this subject focuses on various types of transnational crime and examines their emergence, impact, and control from a human security perspective, by examining how globalisation affects criminal organisations. While considering the security threat that transnational crime and criminal organisations pose at national and global levels, this subject aims to equip students with a holistic understanding of transnational crime beyond conventional criminological perspectives, hence nurturing students' ability to develop just and human security focused policies to prevent and control transnational crime.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Studies In Human Society

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 6 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 7047 - Transnational Crime

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a Postgraduate program.

## Assumed Knowledge

Undergraduate degree in criminology, criminal justice or a related social science area, or equivalent.

## Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Review the rival theoretical explanations of transnational crime
2. Assess the causes of transnational crime and globalisation of criminal organisations
3. Evaluate the impact of various types of transnational crime and criminal organisation
4. Critique the obstacles to develop global criminal organisations
5. Examine relevant prevention and control strategies in responding to transnational crime

## Subject Content

- Introduction and definition of transnational crime
- Economics of organised crime
- Borderless criminal organisations: mobility of criminal organisation and transnational crime

- Politics and criminal organisations
- Human trafficking and smuggling
- Drug trafficking
- Environmental crime and wildlife trafficking
- Policing the globe

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Proposal	500 words	25	N	Individual	N
Critical Review	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Critical Report	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

**Parramatta City - Macquarie St**

### On-site

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