

CRIJ 3362.01
White-Collar Crime
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Fall 2017

Classroom: TWC 130
Class Hours: 9:30-10:50 Tu & Th

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Course Description

Catalogue: The study of the ideas and perspectives that are dominant in the field of white-collar crime. Topics such as organizational crime, occupational crime, legislation aimed at white collar crime, law enforcement, causes of white collar crime, and possible forms of intervention will be discussed.

Objectives: This class will present a general overview of the field of white-collar crime (WCC). Students will learn about differences between WCC and street crime, the extent of WCC, and possible solutions. I do not expect any specific knowledge of the field, but will expect students to be familiar with the concepts learned in CJ 261 and CJ 262.

Required Readings

Friedrichs, David. 2010. *Trusted Criminals: White Collar Crime in Contemporary Society: fourth edition.* Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Additional readings may be placed on Blackboard or distributed in class.

Grading

First Examination	100 Points
Second Examination	100 Points
Final Examination	<u>100 Points</u>
Total	300 Points

Grade Distribution

270-300 Points	A
240-269 Points	B
210-239 Points	C
180-209 Points	D
0-179 Points	F

Extra Credit

No extra credit will be given.

Make-up Examinations

All requests for make-up examinations must be documented and made in advance. All make-up examinations are in the form of **mandatory essays**.

Student Academic Policies

Policies concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Use of Telephones and Text Messages in Academic Classrooms and Facilities

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>

With respect to tests, the following stipulation will be followed:

“Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty.”

SHSU Writing Center

The Sam Houston Writing Center, located in Farrington Hall 111, is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Writing tutors will work with you one-on-one to help you generate, organize, or revise a draft of any assignment in any subject. You can drop by to work with a tutor or call (936) 294-3680 to schedule an appointment.

Tobacco Products

There will be no use of tobacco products allowed in the classroom at any time. Violators of this policy will be warned one time; the second instance of use will result in dismissal from the class.

Electronic Devices in the Class Room

Students are free to record class lectures and/or discussions with the understanding that no copies of these lectures and/or transcripts made from these recordings are sold or otherwise distributed for use by others. Please make sure to set any electronic communication devices to "silent mode" during class sessions.

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Annotated Outline of Topics

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>
<i>Part 1 of the course deals with the history of the study of WCC. In addition, we will examine the costs of WCC and how they compare to the costs of street crime.</i>		
8/22	Introduction/Orientation	
8/29	Discovery of WCC	Chapter 1
9/5	Discovery of WCC continued	Chapter 1
9/12	Studying WCC and Costs of WCC	Chapter 2
<i>Part 2 of the course deals with the many forms of WCC in contemporary society. We will examine topics such as crimes by corporations, professionals and the state.</i>		
9/19	Corporate Crime	Chapter 3
9/26	Corporate Crime Continued	Chapter 3
9/28	First Examination	
10/3	Occupational Crime	Chapter 4
10/10	Governmental Crime	Chapter 5
10/17	State-Corporate Crime	Chapter 6
10/24	Enterprise Crime	Chapter 7
<i>Part 3 of the course looks at the causes of WCC, the role of the criminal justice system in the control of WCC, and some possible reforms.</i>		
10/31	Explaining WCC	Chapter 8
11/2	Second Examination	
	Law, Legislation, and Social Control	Chapter 9
11/7	Law Enforcement	Chapter 10
11/14	Prosecution and Adjudication	Chapter 11
11/21	Prosecution and Adjudication Continued	Chapter 11
11/23	Thanksgiving Break	

11/28

Reforms

Chapter 12

12/7

Thursday: Final Examination 9:30-11:30

(<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/registrar/calendars/final-exam-schedules.html>)