

**Southeast Missouri State University  
Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology  
SO 300 Organized and White-Collar Crime  
3 Credit Hours**

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**Required Texts:**

Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman, R. (2010). Profit Without Honor: White-Collar Crime and the Looting of America. Prentice Hall Publishers.

Lyman, M. & Potter, G. (2008). Organized Crime. Prentice Hall Publishers.

**Description of Course**

An analysis of organized and white-collar crime problems in America. Topics will include prevalence, investigative techniques, causes and effects, and both social and criminological responses to counter its dominance in American society.

Prerequisite: SO102 or CJ100

**Nature and Scope of Course**

This course will be divided into two eight-week sections. The first eight weeks will include the examination and overview of the definition, detection, prosecution, sentencing and impact of white-collar crime. Special consideration will be given to the role of federal law and enforcement practices.

The focus of the second eight-week section will expose the student to critical analyses of organized crime as a systematic criminal activity for money or power as well as the examination and overview of the definition, detection, prosecution, sentencing and impact of organized crime.

**Objectives of the Course**

1. Identify, understand, and explain the history and concept surrounding white-collar crime and organized crime
2. Define white-collar crime and organized crime
3. Discuss conventional views surrounding white-collar crime.
4. Identify the connection between white-collar crime and organized crime.
5. Develop an understanding of the various techniques utilized in the investigation of white-collar crimes and organized crimes
6. Understand the amount of preparation and involvement needed to successfully introduce and prosecute white-collar crime and organized crimes on national, state and local levels.
7. Discuss the new and projected types of white-collar crime.

8. Understand the victims of white-collar crime and its financial effects.
9. Discuss policing of various types of white-collar and organized crimes.
10. Consider the relationships of corporate and political figures and organized crime bosses

### **Course Requirements**

There will be a total of 300 points for this course based upon the following requirements:

1. **Literature Review** (10-15 pages, 10 sources) covering a well-defined area of white-collar or organized crime. (Sample topics: Internet fraud, Effects of White-Collar Crime on Society, White-Collar Crime and the Legal System; Dimensions of White-Collar Crime in other Countries, Youth Gang Violence, Models of Organized Crime, Columbian Organized Crime; Current Perspectives Dominant in the Field of Financial Investigations, Methods of Tracing Funds). APA format required. (100 points).
2. **Midterm Exam** (100 points)
3. **Final Exam** (100 points)

### **Grading**

It is not uncommon for some students to settle for turning in work that is sufficient, while others strive to produce exceptionally good efforts. Therefore, sufficient work will result in a grade of B, while exceptional work will result in a grade of A. Work demonstrating insufficient effort or ability will receive a grade of C. Late assignments will result in a grade reduction. All work submitted, must be the student's own work, and not the effort of 'the group.' Any and all duplicated assignments submitted will not be accepted.

### **Tentative Schedule (subject to change)**

#### Week 1:

- Ch. 1: Introduction to White-Collar Crime (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

#### Week 2:

- Chapter 2 & 3: Crimes against Consumers and Unsafe Products (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

#### Week 3:

- Ch. 4 Environmental Crime (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

#### Week 4:

- Chapter 5: Institutional Corruption: Mass Media and Religion (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

#### Week 5:

- Chapter 6 & 7: Securities Fraud and Corporate Fraud (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

Week 6:

- Chapter 8: Fiduciary Fraud (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

Week 7:

- Chapters 9 & 10: Corruption of Public Officials and Crimes by the Government (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

Week 8:

- Chapters 11 & 12: Medical and Computer Crime (Rosoff, S., Pontell, H., & Tillman)

Week 9: **Midterm Exam**

Week 10:

- Chapter 1: Understanding Organized Crime (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 11:

- Chapter 2 & 3: Theories of Organized Criminal Behavior and The Evolution of Organized Crime (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 12:

- Chapter 5: The Business of Organized Crime (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 13:

- Chapter 6: The Illicit Drug Trade (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 14:

- Chapter 7: Domestic Organized Crime Groups (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 15:

- Chapter 8: Terrorism as Organized Crime (Lyman, M. & Potter, G.)

Week 16: Final Exam (Last Day of Class)