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:


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 for settle to 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 andUnsafe 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)