

CJ 362.01W

White Collar Crime

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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9:00 - 9:50 am, 11-11:50 am

Textbooks:

Required:

Rosoff, Stephen M., Pontell, Henry N., & Tillman, Robert H. (2007). *Profit Without Honor, White-collar Crime and the looting of America*, 4th edition. Pearson Prentice Hall

Course Description and Objectives:

This course will provide an opportunity to students to get a general overview of white collar crimes, an often ignored aspect of criminal behavior. Students should be prepared for a significant level of reading and classroom discussion. This is a senior level criminal justice course, therefore, students will be expected to have fundamental knowledge of criminal justice established and express themselves in these areas. Since this is a writing enhanced class, students will be asked to write at least one long paper, besides other in-class writing assignments.

Class Objectives to Answer & Discuss

1. What is white collar crime?
2. Who first started studying white collar crimes?
3. How does white collar crime compare to traditional crime?
4. What is whistle blowing?
5. The challenges of studying white collar crimes
6. Measuring the impact of white collar crimes.
7. What is the link between politics and corporate crimes?

8. What is state corporate crime?
9. Express beliefs academically.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is not optional in this class. Attendance will be taken during each class. You have been allotted 2 “misses” in case of emergency or illness. Use them sparingly and as needed. But note that some assignments require you to be in class and if you choose to miss that day you may miss your opportunity to receive marks for it. For every absence beyond your allotted 2 you will receive a 5 point deduction from your class accumulated points. This is not negotiable. Please note that you **ARE** responsible for all material missed in class during your absence.

Additional Important Points:

1. Cell Phones

The class time is for CJ 362 only. You are expected to a) **turn off**, b) **put on silent mode/vibrate**, or c) **activate voice mail**, while class is in session. You are not allowed to play with cell phones in class. Your instructor will ask you to leave the class in such an event.

Your instructor believes in public disparagement as a criminal justice punishment, thus your cell phone will only go off once accidentally.

If you are a public safety officer (or other) and are on call, please use seating close to an exit so that you can quietly leave to take care of business.

There is **NO** talking on cell phones allowed during class. If this is a problem for you, you will be asked to leave and the matter will be turned over to the Dean’s office.

2. Tardiness

If for unexpected reasons you arrive late in class, please enter QUIETLY and take the nearest seat. DO NOT walk in front of the instructor or stop in front of the instructor and pick up materials, etc. Please note that habitual inability to make it to class on time will result in a meeting with me and possibly the Dean of students. If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will be marked absent.

If you know you will be late ahead of time let the instructor know and materials will be ready to be handed to you as you quietly enter.

3. Classroom Respect

We will have a large number of discussions on socially charged issues and not all of us will agree. Please try and remain academic. Try and address the issue,

position, faults in logic, lack of information, but not the individual expressing him/herself. We can agree to disagree on issues, calmly. Students are **NOT ALLOWED TO TALK** among themselves in class while the instructor is teaching. You will be asked to leave. Students should also restrain from walking in and out of the classroom while the instructor is teaching. It is not only distracting but also shows lack of respect for the class.

4. Tobacco Products

No tobacco products are acceptable. You will be asked to leave.

5. General Statement Concerning Course Content

The class runs from August 20th to December 5th (2007) in terms of classroom materials. As such, you are responsible for meeting deadlines and contacting the professor in emergencies. When the calendar runs out, so does class. Should you fail to perform adequately during the semester, it is not the teacher’s responsibility. There are no papers to bring grades up or additional research to make up for performance or lack thereof. Consider this class your “learning” job. If you were late for work, did not meet deadlines and did shoddy work on a project, what would happen to you at your job? Same goes here. If you feel you cannot meet the demands of this syllabus/class I suggest you withdraw or transfer to another section.

Grading Policy:

Test #1	100
Test #2	100
Final Exam	100
Quizzes	75
Classwork	25
Homework	100
Total	500 Points

A’s	90-100	(450-500)
B’s	80-89	(400-449)
C’s	70-79	(350-399)
D’s	60-69	(300-349)
F’s	59 and below	(299 or less)

- **Tests:** Tests will be held September 12th and October 22nd. The final examination will be on December 10th from 11 am to 1 pm. They will have a varied format that may include multiple-choice, matching, true/false, and short and long essay answer.
- **Quizzes:** Quizzes may also have a varied format. This will be multiple-choice, fill in the blank, or/and true/false format. There will tentatively be 6 quizzes.
- **Classwork/Activities:** There will be a variety of short classwork assignments. These may include thinking questions, scenario investigations, material reviews,

and in-class activities. Attendance may prove crucial for the in-class discussions/activities.

- **Homework:** You will be asked to write one 4-5 page paper which is due on November 26th. Hard copies will have to be submitted by the due date. No electronic copies will be accepted. No late homework will be accepted.

Make-Up Exams:

No make-up exams will be offered. In the event of an emergency please contact the instructor with information **ASAP** and subsequent documentation so that alternative arrangements may be made. It is **YOUR** responsibility to contact the teacher, not the teacher's to contact you. If you cannot be here and cannot call please have your parent, spouse, doctor, pastor, etc., call on your behalf. As a rule, no one is allowed to write final exams early.

Academic Honesty:

<http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

Disabled Student Policy:

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html

Services for Disabled Students:

<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

Student Absences on Religious Holy Day Policy

<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday>

Topical Outline:

Please note that this is a tentative schedule of readings. The instructor may modify this to accommodate speakers, films, more discussion, etc. You will be notified immediately of any changes.

Date	Readings	Issues of Discussion	Tests & Quizzes, etc.
August 20 Monday	Syllabus	Introduction/Syllabus	
August 22	Sutherland	Talk about white collar	Class

Wednesday	handout Profit without Honor Ch 1	crimes generally First Equity, history, studies, costs and perception of white collar crimes.	Assignment
August 24 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 2	Crimes against consumers: Sweepstakes fraud, consumer fraud, false advertising, price fixing and antitrust laws.	
August 27 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 2	Crimes against consumers: Sweepstakes fraud, consumer fraud, false advertising, price fixing and antitrust laws.	
August 29 Wednesday	Film: Crime in the Suites	Review Chapters 1 & 2.	Quiz #1 (On Chapters 1 & 2) Class Assignment
August 31 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 3	Unsafe Products: The tobacco industry, automobile manufacturing, adulterated food, dangerous drugs and devices.	
September 3 Monday	<i>Labor Day</i>		
September 5 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 3	Unsafe Products: The tobacco industry, automobile manufacturing, adulterated food, dangerous drugs and devices.	
September 7 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 4	Environmental crime: Water and air pollution, toxic terrorism, OSHA	
September 10 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 4	Environmental crime: Water and air pollution, toxic terrorism, OSHA Review Chapters 3 & 4.	Quiz #2 (On chapters 3 & 4)
September 12 Wednesday	Test # 1 (On Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4)		
September 14 Friday	Film	Erin Brockovich	Class Assignment
September 17 Monday	Film	Erin Brockovich	Class Assignment
September 19	Profit without	Institutional corruption:	

Wednesday	Honor Ch 5	Mass media and religion.	
September 21 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 5	Institutional corruption: Mass media and religion.	
September 24 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 6	Securities Fraud : Paper entrepreneurism, insider trading, pumping and dumping “Goodfellas” style	
September 26 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 6	Securities Fraud : Paper entrepreneurism, insider trading, pumping and dumping “Goodfellas” style	
September 28 Friday		Review Chapters 5 & 6.	Quiz #3 (on chapter 5 & 6)
October 1 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 7	Corporate fraud: Enron, Worldcom	
October 3 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 7	Corporate fraud: Enron, Worldcom	
October 5 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 8	Fiduciary fraud: Crime in the banking, insurance, and pension fund industries. Offshore insurance scams, S&L implosions	
October 8 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 8	Fiduciary fraud: Crime in the banking, insurance, and pension fund industries. Offshore insurance scams, S&L implosions	
October 10 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 8	Fiduciary fraud: Crime in the banking, insurance, and pension fund industries. Offshore insurance scams, S&L implosions	
October 12 Friday		Review Chapters 7 & 8.	Quiz # 4 (On chapters 7 & 8)
October 15 Monday	Film	Rainmaker	Class Assignment
October 17 Wednesday	Film	Rainmaker	Class Assignment
October 19 Friday	Film	Review for Test # 2	Class Assignment
October 22 Monday	Test # 2 (On Chapters 5, 6, 7, & 8)		

October 24 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 9	Crimes by the government: Use of human guinea pigs, prison experiments, Abuse of power	
October 26 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 9	Crimes by the government: Use of human guinea pigs, prison experiments, Abuse of power	
October 29 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 10	Corruption of public officials: Political corruption, police corruption	
October 31 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 10	Corruption of public officials: Political corruption, police corruption	
November 2 Friday		Review Chapters 9 & 10.	Quiz # 5 (On chapters 9 & 10)
November 5 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 11	Medical crime: Medicare fraud, fertility fraud, nursing home abuses.	
November 7 Wednesday	Profit without Honor Ch 11	Medical crime: Medicare fraud, fertility fraud, nursing home abuses.	
November 9 Friday	Profit without Honor Ch 12	Computer crimes: Embezzlement and financial theft, hacking, viruses	
November 12 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 12	Computer crimes: Embezzlement and financial theft, hacking, viruses	
November 14 Wednesday	Library Day		
November 16 Friday			
November 19 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 12	Computer crimes: Embezzlement and financial theft, hacking, viruses	
November 21 Wednesday	Thanksgiving		
November 23 Friday			
November 26 Monday	Profit without Honor Ch 13	Conclusions: Victims and villains	Homework Assignment Due
November 28 Wednesday		Review Chapters 11, 12, & 13.	Quiz # 6 (On chapters 11, 12, & 13)

November 30 Friday		Term Paper presentation	
December 3 Monday		Term Paper presentation	
December 5 Wednesday		Term Paper presentation Review for Final Exam	
December 7 Friday	<i>Final Exam Study Day</i>		
December 10 Monday	Final Exam 11 am to 1 pm (Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13)		