

**Administration of Justice
Course Syllabus**

**AJ 135 - 1
WHITE COLLAR CRIME
Spring Semester 2003**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the growth and development of white collar crime in the United States. The main focus is on corporate and government crime. Topics include crimes at the workplace, fraud, embezzlement, bribery, insider trading, environmental crime, consumer and workplace safety.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives are for students to:

1. analyze and study the crimes of government and business,
2. define and differentiate types of white collar crime,
3. review theories of causation and assess the true extent of white collar crime in the United States,
4. explore and evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement, prosecution and defense strategies, and
5. critique the philosophy rationales and proportionality of punishment for white collar offenders.

REQUIRED TEXT

Albanese, Jay S. (1995). *White Collar Crime in America*. Prentice Hall.

SUGGESTED READING

Crimes of Privilege: Readings in White Collar Crime (Neal Shover & John Paul Wright eds., 2001).

EXAMINATIONS and GRADING

1. Exams: there will be two exams (midterm and final), consisting of objective (multiple choice and true/false), short answer and essay questions. The mid-term exam is worth 30% and the final exam is worth 60% of your final grade. The final exam is comprehensive.

Exams are closed-book, closed note and cover assigned readings, handouts, in-class discussions and any material covered in class. Some material discussed in class will not be in the readings; similarly, not everything discussed in the readings will be covered in class. Thus it is very important that you keep up with the reading and attend class regularly. There will be review sessions

2. Class Participation: Points for participation are given for presentations and contributions to class discussions (questions, comments, criticisms, etc.) and *not* simply for attendance. Each student will be required to give one brief in-class presentation (5-10 minutes) on a topic concerning an aspect of white collar crime. All topics for presentation are subject to instructor approval. The class participation grade will be calculated as follows: 50% for in-class presentation and 50% for contributions to class discussion. Class participation is worth 10% of your overall final grade.

Students will be excused from class for legitimate emergency and medical reasons. Whenever possible, if you must miss class please inform the instructor ahead of time.

3. Extra Credit: in addition to the exams and participation points, students will be eligible to receive up to 10% of the overall available points for researching and writing a short paper (10-20 pages with footnotes) based on an aspect of white collar crime. All topics for the extra credit paper must be approved by the instructor in advance. All extra credit papers are due by the last day of class (Monday May 12, 2003). **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
4. Grading: scores for each exam and participation will be added together and the total points at the end of the semester will determine your final grade. Final grades will be curved (you will be measured against the performance of the rest of the class). The exam and participation grades are weighted and the final grade will be calculated accordingly:

Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	60%
<u>Participation</u>	<u>10%</u>
+ Extra Credit (optional)	up to 10%

COURSE OUTLINE

- Jan. 22 Introduction to the course; defining white collar crime.
Reading Assignment: Preface (Albanese).
- Jan. 27 – Jan 29 Nature of White Collar Crime; types of white collar crime.
Reading Assignment: Chapter One (Albanese); Shapiro article (Web board).
- Feb. 3 – Feb. 5 Conspiracy; Liability Issues and Defenses to Conspiracy.
Reading Assignment: Chapter Two (Albanese); Handouts.
- Feb. 10 – Feb. 12 Crimes of Fraud & Deception; controlling the marketplace.
Reading Assignment: Chapter Three (Albanese); Pearce article (Web board), Liedebach article (Web board).
- Feb. 17 – Feb. 19 Offenses Against Public Administration: Bribery, Obstruction of Justice, Official Misconduct, and Perjury.
Reading Assignment: Chapter Four (Albanese); Nixon case (Web board).
- Feb. 24 – Feb. 26 Regulatory Offenses and Administrative Law: Environmental Crime, Securities Violations, etc.
Reading Assignment: Chapter Five (Albanese); Handouts.
- Mar. 3 – Mar. 5 The Extent of White Collar Crime
Reading Assignment: Chapter Six (Albanese).
- Mar. 10 – Mar. 12 Victims and Costs of White Collar Crime
Reading Assignment: Moore & Wills article, Titus article, Ganzini article (Web board).
- Mar. 17 – Mar. 19 Review for Midterm Exam; MIDTERM EXAM
- Mar. 24 – Mar 25 SPRING BREAK – No Classes.
- Mar. 31 – Apr. 2 Causes of White Collar Crime
Reading Assignment: Chapter 7 (Albanese); Vaughn article (Web board); Hochstetler & Copes article (Web board).
- Apr. 7 – Apr. 9 Enforcement, Prosecution and Defense Alternatives
Reading Assignment: Chapter Eight (Albanese); Handouts.

Apr. 14 – Apr. 16	Criminal Sentences and Other Remedies Reading Assignment: Chapter Nine (Albanese); Braithwaite & Geis article (Web board)
Apr. 21 – Apr. 23	Sources and Characteristics of White Collar Offenders Reading Assignment: Chapter 10 (Albanese); Daly article (Web board), Piquero article (Web board).
Apr. 28 – Apr. 30	Organized Crime Reading Assignment: Chapter 11 (Albanese), Calavita & Pontell article (Web board).
May 5 – May 7	Reforms and Future Issues in White Collar Crime Reading Assignment: Chapter 12 (Albanese); Snider article (Web board).
May 12	Final Exam Review
May 20	FINAL EXAM (9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)