

SOCI 312

WHITE COLLAR CRIME (SPRING 2024)

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Course Description and Objectives

What is white collar crime? Why is it important to study the crimes of the powerful? This course will explore an often neglected but critically important area of criminology.

Students will be presented with different theories and explanations of white collar crime, as well as a wide range of closely related fields such as corporate crime, elite deviance, green (environmental) crime, and institutional corruption. The course will also cover a wide range of topics, including financial fraud, market manipulation, health and safety crimes, and the corruption of scientific knowledge.

The sessions will be divided between lectures, class discussion, and videos on current events.

Skills Development

Students will learn how to think and respond as a criminologist when confronted with different types of white collar crime and elite deviance. The course will also provide students with the theoretical skills to evaluate policies on white collar crime, as well as guidance on how to communicate research on white collar crime to the general public.

Required Textbook

TBA

****** *The above outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.*

****** Please note that in-person lectures will NOT be recorded and posted online.