Crime and Deviance in the Workplace

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Prerequisites: Sociology 1020 or 1021E as well as third or fourth year standing in a module in Sociology or BMOS.

Anti-Requisites: None

Note: Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Welcome!

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the research and literature pertaining to crime and deviance in the workplace – with a specific emphasis on white collar crime. The class structure that will be employed during the semester is that of a hybrid approach. In general, the course is grounded within the framework of our core text, White Collar Crime: An Opportunity Perspective. This allows for a basic understanding of the key concepts which we will be dealing with for each respective class. Once our foundation is in place, we then look to specific articles and research literature in order to round out, synthesize and add onto our existing knowledge base. Peppered throughout the term will be special topic classes where we will look to
consolidate and apply what we have learned throughout the semester with real world case studies.


**Grading Breakdown:**

Midterm- 30% February 14, 2014  
Final Paper- 30% April 3, 2014  
Final Exam- 40% (April Exam Period)

**Midterm and Final Exams**

The midterm will take place in class. The Final Exam will take place during the designated exam period.

**Research paper**

I will provide more details about the research paper during the semester. In a nutshell, students will be required to write an analytical/critical research paper on a topic related to crime and deviance in the workplace. The research paper should be 10-12 pages (double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman), plus title page and references. Turnitin software will be used to check for plagiarism.

**Weekly Breakdown**

**Week 1: Introduction and Expectations**

**Week 2: White Collar Crime: The Definitional Conundrum**

B and S: Chapter 1


**Week 3: The “White Collar Criminal”**

B and S: Chapter 2


**Week 4: Theories of White Collar Crime**

B and S: Chapter 3


**Week 5: Opportunity and Cyclicality**

B and S: Chapter 4


**Week 6: ***Midterm Exam – IN CLASS*** Good Luck!**

**Week 7: Deviance and Deception in Action i**

B and S: Chapter 5


**Week 8: Special Topic**

The Great Recession

**Week 9: Deviance and Deception in Action ii**

B and S: Chapter 6


**Week 10: Social Distribution of Offending**

B and S: Chapter 7 and 8


**Week 11: Social Reaction, Policing and Prevention**

B and S: Chapter 9 and 10

VP Hans, MD Ermann (1989) Responses to corporate versus individual wrongdoing. Law and Human Behavior


**Week 12: Special Topic**

Various Case Studies


**Week 13: Bringing it all Together**

Paper Due Today

**Missed Exams and Late Assignments**

Academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. If, due to medical illness, you are not able to write an exam or submit an assignment by the due date, it is your responsibility to follow the University’s “Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness”. This policy can be accessed at: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf)

**Electronic Devices and Laptop Policy**

All examinations will be closed book, and thus, electronic devices will not be permitted. During class time, all cellular devices should be switched off.
**Compassionate Grounds**

Serious Illness of a Family Member: Inform your instructor as soon as possible and submit a medical certificate from the family member's physician to your home faculty’s Academic Counselling office.

In Case of a Death: Inform your instructor as soon as possible and submit a copy of the newspaper notice, death certificate or documentation provided by the funeral director to your home faculty’s Academic Counseling office.

**Academic Integrity**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com http://www.turnitin.com.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

**Plagiarism**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

**Support Services**

Students who are in emotional/mental health distress should refer to Mental Health@Western: http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

**Accessibility Statement**

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.