

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL CAREERS**  
**SOC 3710 A01**  
**MWF**  
**3 Credit Hours**  
**215 Tier**  
**University of Manitoba**  
**Sept. to Dec. 2013**

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:**

Cromwell, Paul	<u>In Their Own Words: Criminals on Crime</u> .(5th edition) Roxbury Publishing Co. 2010.
Scott, Kody	<u>Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member</u> .
Friedrichs, David	<u>Trusted Criminals</u> (4th edition). Thomson/Wadsworth Publishing, 2010.

\* A copy of all of the above texts has been placed on reserve at Dafoe Library.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of careers in three specific types of crime: conventional or street crime, 'white collar' crime, and organized crime. An objective of this course is to critically analyze the underlying conditions that lead to careers in these types of crimes. Wherever possible, the perspective of the offenders is taken into account through accounts provided by the offenders themselves who discuss their motives and life experiences.

The first section of the course examines the decision-making process of offenders in several traditional or street crimes. The second section, 'white collar crime', examines fraud, cybercrime, crimes in the professions and corporate crime. The third section, 'organized crime', examines both traditional forms of organized crime and current issues in transnational organized crime.

## **COURSE EVALUATION**

Final grades will be based on the following:

Book review due <i>in class</i>	Sept. 27	20%
Test # 1	Oct. 4	25%
Test #2	Nov. 4	25%
Take home assignment due	Dec. 6	30%

In the unlikely event that test dates are changed, students will be notified well ahead both in class and on D2L.

Tests are not cumulative. Students are responsible for all assigned readings, lecture material, material discussed by speakers, class discussions and video presentations.

The following policies regarding grading of tests are in effect:

- 1) Under no circumstances will early tests be given.
- 2) Make-up tests will be allowed if there is a legitimate reason (such as illness). In the case of illness a doctor's note is required. The make-up test may vary in form. You must notify me within a week after the missed test if you wish to write a make-up test. Failure to do so will result in a grade of F for the missed test.

\*\*\*Students should note that once the final grades are tabulated, there is no extra work that can be done to raise the grade.

**Late Written Assignments:** Late assignments will be given a lesser grade of 5% for every day that they are late.

## **GRADES**

90-100= A+	70-74= C+
85-89= A	60-69= C
80-84= B+	50-59= D
75-79= B	49 or less=F

## **GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

You will be expected to discuss a number of the assigned readings in groups. These discussions will not be assigned a grade. Rather they are for your benefit so that you will have a better understanding of the assigned course material.

The university acknowledges the right of all students to observe recognized Holy Days of their faith which fall within the academic year. The instructor should be notified in writing of a student's intended absence in advance, and at least three weeks notice should normally be given where special arrangements are sought.

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam personation (“**Personation at Examinations**” (Section 5.2.9) and ‘**Plagiarism and cheating**’ (Section 8.1) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/index.html>. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

### **UNCLAIMED TERM WORK DISPOSAL:**

Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

### **DISRUPTIONS**

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting to large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that any persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

Students with special needs should identify themselves to the instructor in order to arrange suitable accommodations.

### **VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

Last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty: November 13, 2013.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

October 14	(Thanksgiving) University closed
November 11	(Remembrance Day) University closed
December 4	Last day of classes

## COURSE OUTLINE

### PART 1 TRADITIONAL/ STREET CRIME

- *Note: readings may be added to or deleted from this list*

#### **CRIMINAL LIFESTYLES AND DECISION MAKING**

Cromwell Chapter 1 “The Socially Bounded Decision Making of Persistent Property Offenders”

Cromwell Chapter 3 “Opportunities and Decisions: Interactional Dynamics in Robbery and Burglary Groups”

Cromwell Chapter 25 “Aging Criminals: Changes in the Criminal Calculus”

#### **STREET GANGS**

Cromwell Chapter 18 “Gang-Related Gun Violence: Socialization, Identity, and Self”

#### **VIOLENT CRIME**

Homicide      Class lectures and Alex Cheesequay video

Robbery      Cromwell Chapter 9 “Creating the Illusion of Impending Death: Armed Robbers in Action”

‘Stick up, Street Culture and Offender Motivation’

<http://cooley.libarts.wsu.edu/schwartzj/criminology/JacobsWright%5B1%5D.pdf>

#### **PROPERTY CRIME**

Auto theft      Class lectures

Burglary      Cromwell Chapter 2 “The Reasoning Offender: Motives and Decision-Making Strategies”

### **Test 1**

## **PART 2: WHITE COLLAR CRIME**

### **WHAT IS WHITE COLLAR CRIME?**

Friedrichs, Chapter 1 “The Discovery of White Collar Crime”: pp. 1-20.

### **COSTS OF WHITE COLLAR CRIME**

Friedrichs, Chapter 2 : “Studying White Collar Crime” pp. 49-58.

### **FRAUD AND FINANCE CRIME**

Friedrichs Chapter 7 “: “Fraud” pp. 202-211

Cromwell Chapter 16: “Telemarketing and the Changing nature of Professional Crime”

Friedrichs Chapter 6: pp. 168-188

### **COMPUTER CRIME**

Friedrichs – Chapter 7: “Technocrime, Including Computer Crime”, pp. 211-217

On reserve: Grabosky: “The Global Dimension of Cybercrime”

### **OCCUPATIONAL CRIME**

Friedrichs, Chapter 4 : 102-107

Cromwell Chapter 13: “Denying the Guilty Mind: Accounting for Involvement in White Collar Crime”

### **CORPORATE CRIME**

Friedrichs, Chapter 3

### **EXPLAINING WHITE COLLAR CRIME**

Friedrichs, Chapter 8: “Explaining White Collar Crime: Theories and Accounts” pp. 231-248.

### **WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

Friedrichs, Chapter 12: “Responding to the Challenge of White Collar Crime” pp. 345-367

## **TEST #2**

## **PART 3: ORGANIZED CRIME**

\*note: all of the following readings are on reserve at Dafoe library.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Finckenaur, James 'Problems of Definition: What is Organized Crime?'

### **ORGANIZED CRIME ACTIVITIES**

Class lectures

### **PARADIGMS AND THEORIES OF ORGANIZED CRIME**

Class lectures

### **ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS and THEIR HISTORY**

Albini et al 'Russian Organized Crime'

### **POLITICAL AND CORPORATE ALLIANCES**

Ruggiero 'Fuzzy Criminal Actors'

Beare: 'Organized corporate criminality'

### **TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME**

Godson and Olson 'International Organized Crime'

### **CONTROLLING ORGANIZED CRIME**

Schlegel 'Transnational Crime'