

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL CAREERS
SOC3710 A01
MWF 11:30-12:20
3 Credit Hours
308 Tier
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COURSE WEBSITE: www.umanitoba.ca/D2L. Please check this website often for important announcements and updates.

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Cromwell, Paul, and Birzer, Michael (2014)	<u>In Their Own Words: Criminals on Crime.</u> (6th edition) Roxbury Publishing
Scott, Kody	<u>Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member.</u>
Friedrichs, David (2014)	<u>Trusted Criminals</u> (Custom Edition) Belmont, CA: Nelson Education.

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. 26	15%
Test # 1	Oct. 3	20%
Test #2	Nov. 5	25%
Take home exam	Dec. 5	25%
Discussions	TBA	15%

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.

Missed Exams: Make-up tests will be allowed if there is a valid reason such as illness. You must inform me within one week of the missed test. In the case of illness, a note from your doctor is required.

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

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

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

You will be expected to participate in 3 discussions. On days devoted to group work, you will be given a question or questions which your group will discuss and provide a written answer in essay format. All members of the group will receive the same grade. The material to assist you in developing your answers will come from the required reading and the lectures.

HOLY DAYS

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 minimum penalty for academic dishonesty in a test or final examination is F for the test/examination, and an F-DESC (discipline) in the course plus a suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of one year. The F grade and disciplinary notation appears on the student's transcript. For repeat violations, the penalty may include suspension from the Faculty of Arts for a period of up to 5 years.

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.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty: November 12, 2014.

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.

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 3: Neil Shover and David Honaker: 'The Socially Bounded Decision Making of Persistent Property Offenders'

Cromwell Chapter 5: Andy Hochstetler: 'Opportunities and Decisions: Interactional Dynamics in Robbery and Burglary Groups'

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 10: Bruce Jacobs, 'Serendipity in Robbery Target Selection'

'Jacobs and Wright': 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 4: Wright and Decker, 'Deciding to Commit a Burglary'

QUITTING CRIME

Cromwell Chapter 25: Neil Shover: 'Aging Criminals: Changes in the Criminal Calculus'

Cromwell Chapter 26: Sommers et al "Getting out of the Life: Crime Desistance by Female Street Offenders"

Test 1

PART 2: WHITE COLLAR CRIME

WHAT IS WHITE COLLAR CRIME?

Friedrichs, Chapter 1 ‘The Discovery of White Collar Crime’

COSTS OF WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Friedrichs, Chapter 2 : ‘Studying White Collar Crime and Assessing its Costs’

FRAUD AND FINANCE CRIME

Friedrichs Chapter 7 “: ‘Fraud’

Cromwell Chapter 12: Neil Shover et al, ‘Telemarketing and the Changing nature of Professional Crime’

Friedrichs Chapter 6: Finance Crime

COMPUTER CRIME

Friedrichs – Chapter 7: ‘Technocrime, Including Computer Crime

On reserve: Grabosky, Peter (2004) : ‘The Global Dimension of Cybercrime’ in *Global Crime*, Vol 6, Issue 1 pp. 146-157.

Required videos:

Misha Glenn of the Chilling New Reality of Cyber Crime

OCCUPATIONAL CRIME

Friedrichs, Chapter 4 : ‘Crimes by Professionals’
‘Employee Crime’

Cromwell Chapter 14: Michael Benson, ‘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’

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Friedrichs, Chapter 12: ‘Responding to the Challenge of White Collar Crime’

TEST #2

PART 3: ORGANIZED CRIME

*note: the following readings are on reserve at Dafoe library, as well as in content on D21.

INTRODUCTION:

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

Galleoti, mark 'Criminal Histories: an Introduction', in Global crime Vol 9, no 1-2, Feb-May, 2008.

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'

Take home exam