

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL CAREERS
SOC3710 A01
Tues/Thurs 11:30-12:45
3 Credit Hours
215 Tier
University of Manitoba
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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>	Oct. 4	20%
Test # 1	Oct. 9	25%
Test #2	Nov. 8	25%
Take home assignment	Dec. 7	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.

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 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.

Students should acquaint themselves with the online University of Manitoba Academic Calendar and Catalogue: <http://umanitoba.ca/calendar> and refer to the section on General Academic Regulation: Section 5-**Academic Evaluation: Personation at Examinations (Section .2.9)** and Section 8-Academic Integrity-**Plagiarism and Cheating (Section 8.1)**.

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.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Last day for voluntary withdrawal without academic penalty: November 14, 2012.

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 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”

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

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Cromwell Chapter 7: “Identity Theft: Assessing Offenders’ Motivations and Strategies”

Friedrichs Chapter 6: “Finance Crime” pp. 168-188

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Peter Grabosky (2004) “*The Global Dimension of Cybercrime*” Global Crime, 6,1, 146-157

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Friedrichs, Chapter 4 : “Medical crime pp. 92-96; Legal crime pp.96-98.Friedrichs, Chapter 6: “

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PART 3: ORGANIZED CRIME

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INTRODUCTION:

Finckenaure, 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'