



Course Name: White Collar Crime

Course Number: CJS* E238

Credits: 3

Catalog description:

This course will examine the definitions and laws pertaining to white collar crime, as well as the practice, procedure and strategy concerning white collar criminal investigations and prosecutions. It will also provide an overview of the legal defense of white collar criminal cases. Topics addressed will include the criminology of white-collar crime, investigative techniques used to combat white collar crime, prosecutorial discretion, legal privileges and common defenses. Indictments, sentencing and the goals of punishment will also be covered, along with a discussion of substantive law as it relates to specific types of white-collar crimes.

Prerequisite: CJS*E101 – Introduction to Criminal Justice

Corequisite, or Parallel:

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

None

Additional CSU General Education Requirements for CSU Transfer Degree Programs:

None

Embedded Competency(ies):

None

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

None

Course objectives:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

None



Course Specific Objectives:

1. Obtain knowledge in the areas of White Collar Crime and relevant law.
2. Develop ability to draw inferences and relate facts and ideas.
3. Develop an understanding of criminal law and procedure, as they relate to specific crimes and offenders.
4. Obtain knowledge of psychological /sociological impacts on the criminal justice system.
5. Develop the ability to draw inferences and relate facts and ideas accurately.
6. Understand ethical considerations in the investigation and prosecution of white collar criminals.

Course Content:

- I. Overview and definition of white collar crime
 - a) Historical perspective
- II. Theories/Criminology of White collar crime
 - a) Offense-specific characteristics
 - b) offender-specific characteristics
- III. Corporate Crime
- IV. Crimes against consumers/unsafe products
- V. Environmental Crime
- VI. Securities/corporate and fiduciary fraud
- VII. Government Crime
 - a) Corruption of Public Officials
- VIII. Computer Crime
- IX. Embezzlement
- X. Women as White Collar Criminals
- XI. Medical Crime
- XII. Whistle -Blowers

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