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General Syllabus

CRJU 33073 White Collar Crime

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisites: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition

Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description:

Examines white collar crime in the U.S. criminal justice system and throughout the world, including its history, types, and methods of perpetrating and prosecuting. Additional topics include the criminal justice system's responses and the societal views of the causes and effects of white-collar crime.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Examine the concept of White-Collar Crime in the U.S. criminal justice system
2. Analyze the history of White-Collar Crime
3. Analyze the types of White-Collar Crime
4. Assess the criminal justice system's responses to White-Collar Crime
5. Evaluate societal views of the causes and effects of White-Collar Crime

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify white collar crime problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics in a seminar setting.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine white collar crime ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice field and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Ponzi Schemes
- B. What is white collar crime?
- C. Social impact of white-collar crime.