

**San José State University**  
**Department of Justice Studies**  
**JS145-01, White Collar Crime, Spring 2023**



## Final Paper

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>D minus</i>	<i>600 to 629</i>	<i>60 to 62%</i>

**Please Note: Extra credit will not be awarded, late assignments will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.**

Students have the right, within a reasonable time, to know their academic scores, to review their grade-dependent work, and to be provided with explanations for the determination of their course grades. **Students are encouraged to review their progress during Office Hours or by appointment no later than Week Eight (Thursday, March 16th)** and periodically throughout the semester during office hours and/or by email appointment.

## **Classroom Protocol**

### **Attendance/Punctuality**

Regular attendance and punctuality are encouraged. Students who are routinely inattentive, discourteous or who choose not to contribute to classroom discussion and activities, will be noted and may result with up to 10% (one letter grade) deducted from the final grade.

### **Late Assignments**

Late assignments will not be accepted for credit without prior agreement.

### **University Policies**

Per [University Policy S16-9](#), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on Syllabus Information web page (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>). Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

### **Additional Information**

All sources of information to support written assertions must be cited in the American Psychological Association (APA) Format. PLEASE NOTE: Detection of plagiarism will result with NO CREDIT.

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Students are assigned reading, writing and research assignments during class and as reflected below.

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	January 26	Introductions/Course overview; Syllabus, Class, Final Paper, Assignment & Examination formats; <i>The term “White-Collar Crime” was first used in 1939 by Edwin Sutherland, an American sociologist and criminologist, to describe professionals’ illegal fraudulent money-related criminal behavior; “Any violations of criminal, civil, or regulatory law, or deviant, harmful, or unethical actions committed during the course of employment in various occupational systems.”</i> <b>Review Assignment #1/Quiz #1 (DUE 2/2); Discussion:</b> <i>What is white-collar crime? How is white-collar crime different from other criminal behavior? What is fraud? What is embezzlement? Why is it important to understand crimes of dishonesty?</i>
2	January 31 & February 2	<b>Assignment #1 &amp; Quiz #1 (DUE 2/2);</b> Paying attention to White-Collar Criminals; Greed, Ponzi Schemes & Business Crimes in general; Embezzlement & Fraud; <i>The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports this species of crime is “characterized by deceit, concealment, or violation of trust and not dependent on the application or threat of physical force or violence. The motivation behind these crimes is financial, to obtain or avoid losing money, property, or services or to secure a personal or business advantage.”</i> Prosecutions of white-collar crime are currently at a twenty-year low in the United States. “6,000 in 2016; nearly 11,000 in 1995 (Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University); Careers responding to White-Collar Crime; Confidence men & Wolves of Wall Street; <b>Read Chapters 1 &amp; 2: The Ideal Organization &amp; How Organizations Really Run (pgs 1-57); Review Key Terms (pgs 1 &amp; 25); Prepare, Submit and be ready to discuss Assignment #1: (Choose one question</b>

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February

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March 14 & 16 **Assignment #4 & Quiz #4 (DUE 3/16)**; Broker Fraud &  
Embezzlement Revisited; The

12            April 11 & 13    Review Assignment #5/Quiz #5; Punishment & At-Risk Professional Reputations; Corporate Wrongdoing & Limited Liability; Products Liability, An exploding 1972 Ford Pinto & Richard Grimshaw v. Ford Motor Company, 119 Cal.App.3d 757 (1981); Price Gouging & Unfair Labor Practices; Respondeat Superior; Piercing the Corporate Veil; Review Weekly Assignment #6 (DUE 4/20); Assign Quiz #6 (DUE 4/20); **Read Chapter 11: Political White Collar Crime (pgs 305-338);**



**Final**      Wednesday,  
**Examination**      May 17