

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CORPORATE CRIME  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6009CRIM** (115949)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 12.00  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 10.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 110

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	4.000
Tutorial	4.000
Workshop	2.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3000 word case study	100.0	

### Aims

1. To enable students to recognise and evaluate the nature and the extent of criminal activity on the part of corporations.
2. To evaluate critically the role of state actors in preventing and responding to corporate crime.

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Engage critically with problems in defining corporate harms as crimes, and the significance of these problems and specific definitions adopted for social research.
- 2 Consider critically the range and extent of corporate crime crimes, and the concomitant economic, physical and social costs of these.
- 3 Critically evaluate dominant approaches to understanding the causation of corporate crimes, paying attention to the potential and limitations of criminological theorising.
- 4 Critically interrogate existent local, national and international legal and regulatory strategies, and evaluate competing arguments for legal and regulatory reform at these various levels.
- 5 Critically assess a range of existent and potential means of sanctioning corporate offenders.

### Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

3000 word case study      1    2    3    4    5

### Outline Syllabus

*The historical emergence of 'corporate crime'.*  
*Defining varieties and forms of corporate crimes.*  
*Problems in measuring and researching crimes.*  
*The extent and costs of corporate crime.*  
*Investigating the causes, prevalence and regulation of corporate crimes.*  
*Case studies.*

### Learning Activities

Note-taking, reading, small group discussion and general contribution to tutorials, private study, research, planning and writing of assessed work, preparation for case study.

### References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Clarke, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2000
<b>Title</b>	The Social Control of Business between Law and Politics
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Macmillan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Croall, H.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2001
<b>Title</b>	Understanding White-Collar Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Buckingham: Open University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gerber, J. and Jensen, E. eds.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2006
<b>Title</b>	Encyclopaedia of White-Collar Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	New York: Greenwood Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Gobert, J. and Punch, M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	Rethinking Corporate Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Butterworths
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Minkes, J. and Minkes, L.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2008
<b>Title</b>	Corporate and White-Collar Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Sage
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Nelken, D. (ed)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1994
<b>Title</b>	White-Collar Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Aldershot: Dartmouth
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Potter, G. (ed)

<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002
<b>Title</b>	Controversies in White-Collar Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Cincinnati, OH: Anderson
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Slapper, G. and Tombs, S.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1999
<b>Title</b>	Corporate Crime
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	London: Longman
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Szockyi, E. and Fox, J. (eds)
<b>Publishing Year</b>	1996
<b>Title</b>	The Corporate Victimisation of Women
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Boston, MA: North-Eastern University Press
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

The module aims to introduce students to the nature and extent of criminal activity on the part of corporations and senior officers within them, addressing problems of definition, measurement and causation; further, it addresses the role of the state and the criminal justice system in preventing and treating corporate crimes, and considers the nature and feasibility of reforms in legal, regulatory and judicial approaches to corporate offenders.