

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Corporate and State Crimes
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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:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 63.50
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 176

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	31.000
Workshop	31.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	1.5 hr exam	40.0	1.50
Essay	AS2	Outline of case study, including indicative bibliography (500 words)	10.0	
Essay	AS3	2,000 word case study	50.0	

Aims

1. To enable students to recognize and critically appreciate debates around the extent to which corporate and state crimes are defined.

2. To enable students to recognise and evaluate the nature, extent and dimensions of criminal activity on the part of corporations and states, their constituent institutions and related organisations.

3. To enable students to identify and evaluate the legal, institutional and various non-governmental sites and sources of resistance to corporate and state crimes and mechanisms for seeking accountability of corporate and state actors.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Chart and critically assess the development of the concepts of corporate and state crime, their relationships to national and international law.
- 2 Critically appreciate the variety, nature and consequences of corporate and state crimes.
- 3 Identify and construct a detailed case study around corporate and/or state crime.
- 4 Recognise and critically assess the adequacy and potential of a variety of countervailing forces in preventing and/or responding to corporate and state crimes.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1.5 hr exam	1	2		
Case Study outline, 500 words	3			
Case Study, 2,000 words	1	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Defining corporate and state crimes.

The varieties of corporate and state crimes.

Responding to and resisting corporate and state crime.

Case studies in corporate and state crime.

Learning Activities

Note-taking, reading, small group discussion and general contribution to classes, preparation of work plans for workshops, private study, planning.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Chambliss, W., Michalowski, R and Kramer, R., eds.

Publishing Year	2010
Title	State Crime in a Global Age
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Collumpton: Willan.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Friedrichs, DO
Publishing Year	1998
Title	State Crime, vols. 1 & 2. International Library of Criminology, Criminal Justice & Penology
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Aldershot: Ashgate.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Green, P. and Ward, T.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	State Crime. Governments, violence and corruption
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London: Pluto.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Michalowski, R. and Kramer, RC, eds.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	State-Corporate Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	New Brunswick: NJ: Rutgers University Press.
ISBN	

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

Course Material	Book
Author	Nelken, D
Publishing Year	1994

Title	White Collar Crime
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Aldershot: Dartmouth.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Pearce, F and Snider, L
Publishing Year	1995
Title	Corporate crime: contemporary debates
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Tombs, S. and Whyte, D., eds.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Unmasking the Crimes of the Powerful: scrutinising states and corporations
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	New York/London: Peter Lang.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Whyte, D., ed.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Crimes of the Powerful
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Open University Press.
ISBN	

Notes

The module aims to introduce students to the nature and extent of criminal activity on the part of corporations and states and their constituent institutions, addressing problems of definition, measurement and causation; further, it addresses the role and adequacy of international, national and non-governmental efforts to prevent and respond to corporate and state crimes. It does so through introducing students to key debates, and then guiding them in the preparation of an independently produced case study of corporate and state crime.