



White-Collar Crime

Course Description

This course focuses on the criminal laws that relate to crimes that typically do not feature violence or force. It looks at many categories of these crimes that are punished on the federal and state levels. The course looks at the distinction between corporate liability and personal liability for criminal actions. It also covers how various white-collar crimes are punished.

Course Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Differentiate between various types of fraud such as mail fraud, wire fraud, bank fraud, computer fraud and securities fraud
- Apply the rules against making false statements, including under federal statute 18 USC § 1001 and under perjury laws
- Apply the rules of obstruction of justice, witness tampering, bribery and other offenses against the judicial system
- Determine whether a white-collar crime has been committed, and which one, based on fact patterns
- Define racketeering and explain how racketeering statutes have been used to combat criminal organizations

Final Exam

Grades and credit recommendations are based solely on a final exam. When students are ready to take the final exam, they should register for a LawShelf account (or simply log in, for those with existing accounts). Go to the video-course page and click “Take the Final Exam” and pay the exam fee, where applicable. Students will be given instructions on how to take the exam. All exams are proctored by the Voice Proctor® proctoring system. An overview of the system is [provided here](#) and it requires no training or learning curve. Grades of 70% or above are considered passing grades and qualify for recommended transfer credit.

The final exam is based on the video course modules. Additional resources detailed in this syllabus are helpful for background and for building greater understanding of the course materials.

Inquiries can be made through the LawShelf Contact form on our website by clicking the “email us” button that appears at the bottom of most LawShelf pages. Transcripts can be ordered via Parchment, as detailed on our website.

Case Studies

Many LawShelf video courses include case studies. These do not necessarily teach new material but are meant to demonstrate how the materials covered in the course are applied by various courts. Concepts covered in the case studies are covered on the final exam; so watching the case studies is necessary before taking the exam. However, it is unnecessary to memorize the facts and details of the cases covered in these case studies.

Self-Quizzes

Video-course modules and case studies feature self-quizzes that consist of practice questions on the materials covered in the videos. These questions are presented for the benefit of the student and are **important to review before taking the final exam** because they are similar in style and substance to the questions on the final exam. These quizzes are not graded or monitored and there is no record of how students answer these questions. Students may answer these questions as many times as they like and are encouraged to keep re-taking the quizzes until they have mastered all the questions.

Study Guide

Introductory Videos

These videos provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

White Collar Crimes and Criminal Liability

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/white-collar-crime/>

The Crime of Conspiracy

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/criminal-conspiracy/>

The Crimes of Blackmail and Extortion

<https://lawshelf.com/shortvideoscontentview/the-crimes-of-blackmail-and-extortion/>

The United States Government's Pursuit of Swiss Banks who Assist American Tax Evaders

<https://lawshelf.com/blog/post/the-united-states-governments-pursuit-of-swiss-banks-who-assist-american-tax-evaders/>

Courseware Readings

These courseware readings provide background to help students better understand the main parts of the course, which are the video-course modules below.

Read the following sections of “Foundations of Law” courseware:

<https://lawshelf.com/coursewareview>

Criminal Law: The following chapters (including all subchapters):

- Basic Elements of a Crime
- Inchoate Offenses
- Crimes Against Property
- Scope of Criminal Liability

Israel, Susan “White Collar Crime” <https://nationalparalegal.edu/WhiteCollar.aspx>

Haas, Stephen, “Congress’ Trojan Horse to the States; How RICO Took a Bite Out of Federalism Under the Guise of More Effective Law Enforcement”

<https://nationalparalegal.edu/Rico.aspx>

Video Course Modules

These videos constitute the main part of the course and are they sources of the questions on the final exam.

White-Collar Crime Course Overview:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursescontentview/white-collar-crime/>

Fraud – Module 1 of 5:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/fraud>

Crimes Involving Currency and Money - Module 2 of 5:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/crimes-involving-currency-and-money-module-2-of-5>

Crimes of Making False Statements - Module 3 of 5:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/crimes-of-making-false-statements-module-3-of-5/>

Offenses Against the Judicial System - Module 4 of 5:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/offenses-against-the-judicial-system-module-4-of-5/>

Racketeering - Module 5 of 5:

<https://lawshelf.com/videocoursesmoduleview/racketeering-module-5-of-5/>

Supplemental Suggested Readings

These materials enable students to achieve a deeper understanding of the course materials and in applying the course to real-life situations.

Case Analysis: Molina Martinez v. United States

<https://nationalparalegal.edu/ViewNews.aspx?intTakeOnNewsID=71>

The Opioid Epidemic: Are Drug Manufacturers Liable?

<https://nationalparalegal.edu/ViewNews.aspx?intTakeOnNewsID=108>

Is “Collusion” a Crime?

<https://nationalparalegal.edu/ViewNews.aspx?intTakeOnNewsID=129>

Enforcement of Cyber Crime

<https://nationalparalegal.edu/ViewNews.aspx?intTakeOnNewsID=83>