

COURSE OUTLINE		
<b>TERM: Fall 2025</b>	<b>COURSE NO: CRIM 313</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE: Crimes of the Powerful: Corporate and State Wrongdoing</b>	
<b>OFFICE: LOCAL:</b> <b>E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca</b>	<b>SECTION NO(S):</b>	<b>CREDITS: 3.0</b>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>		
<b>COURSE WEBSITE:</b>		

Capilano University acknowledges with respect the Liłwat7úl (Lil'wat), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) people on whose territories our campuses are located.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

### **COURSE PREREQUISITES**

45 credits of 100-level or higher coursework

### **CALENDAR DESCRIPTION**

Street level crimes, such as robbery and assault, receive a great deal of media attention, and yet what is happening at the level of the boardroom, i.e. misconduct on the part of corporations and states, contributes more financial loss, injury, and death than all street level crimes combined. This course will focus on understanding the crimes of the powerful, including those conducted by states, corporations, and wealthy individuals.

### **COURSE NOTE**

CRIM 313 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES\***

Harrington, B. (2024). *Offshore: Stealth wealth and the new colonialism*. W. W. Norton & Company

Rothe, D. and D. Kazularich. (2022). *Crimes of the powerful: White-collar crime and beyond*. Routledge.

\*Sample texts.

## COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

**On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:**

- Critique social reaction to corporate negligence, state violence, and political corruption.
- Explain the role of social movements, not-for-profits, and grassroots organizations play in challenging the impunity of powerful individuals and organizations.
- Assess the far-reaching consequences of crimes of the powerful, particularly in terms of economic inequality, environmental degradation, and the well-being of Indigenous societies.
- Evaluate mechanisms for regulating and prosecuting crimes of the powerful, including the role of criminal legal systems and international organizations.

**Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:**

- Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies.
- Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society.
- Analyze the impact of colonialism and racism on Indigenous peoples.
- Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change.

## COURSE CONTENT

Weeks	Topics
1	Defining and Categorizing Crimes of the Powerful
2	State Crimes, Stolen Lands
3-4	White-Collar Crime
5-7	Corporate Crime
7-8	State-Corporate Crime and Misconduct
9	Crime and Religious Organizations, Disappeared Children
10	Environmental Harm, State-Corporate
11	Organized Crime Networks
12	Crimes of International Finance Institutions
13	Resisting Crimes of the Powerful
14-15	Final Exam Period

## EVALUATION PROFILE

Midterm examination	20-30%
Final examination	25-35%
Case study presentation	15-20%
Research paper	20-30%
Total	100%

## GRADING PROFILE

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

**Incomplete Grades**

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

**Late Assignments**

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

**Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.**

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

\*\*\* Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

**English Usage**

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

**Electronic Devices**

Students may use electronic devices during class for note taking only.

**On-line Communication**

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or eLearn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

**UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS****Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

**Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)**

**Policy Statement (S2009-06)**

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

**Academic Integrity (S2017-05)**

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information:

<https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

**Academic dishonesty** is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

**Cheating:** Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

**Fraud:** Creation or use of falsified documents.

**Misuse or misrepresentation of sources:** Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

**Plagiarism:** Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

**Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

**Prohibited Conduct:** The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;

- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

**Sexual Violence and Misconduct**

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

**Emergencies:** Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.