PICT8062

The Crimes of the Powerful

Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

Department of Security Studies and Criminology

Contents

Notice

As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MSecStrategicStud or MIntell or MCrim or MCyberSec or MCTerrorism or GradCertSecStudCr or GradDipSecStudCr or MPICT or GradDipPICT or MPICTMIntSecSt or MIntSecStud or GradDipIntSecStud or MIntRel or GradDipIntRel or MIntBusMIntRel or MTransInterMIntRel or MCPICT or MCPICTMISS or GradDipCPICT or GradCertCPICT or GradCertISS or MSecStrategicStudMCrim or MSecStrategicStudMIntell or MSecStrategicStudMCyberSec or MSecStrategicStudMCTerrorism or MIntellMCrim or MIntellMCyberSec or MIntellMCTerrorism or MCyberSecMCTerrorism or MCyberSecMCrim or MCTerrorismMCrim or Master of Cyber Security Analysis or admission to BSecStudMCTerrorism or BSecStudMCrim or BSecStudMCyberSecAnalysis or BSecStudMIntell or BSecStudMSecStrategicStud or (10cps at 6000 level or 10cps at 8000 level)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit examines crimes committed by powerful individuals and institutions: white collar crimes, corporate crimes and state crimes. From the Nazi death camps of WWII, to the Bhopal and BHP Gulf oil spill environmental disasters of more recent decades, the most harmful crimes are not those committed by offenders on the 'street', but rather by individuals and organisations occupying the most influential and privileged positions in our societies. This unit reorients the criminological gaze upwards, away from traditional street offenders and towards the most powerful criminals who occupy corporate boardrooms, parliaments and military organisations. Students will explore contemporary examples of each of these types of offence, examine the characteristics of powerful offenders, and address why crimes of this magnitude often go unaddressed by both contemporary criminologists and our systems of criminal justice.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstate a deep understanding of the problems of definition of the various forms of business, corporate, and State criminality.

ULO2: Evaluate the role of corporate and State criminality in the context of the social and political life.

ULO3: Demonstate an understanding of the forms of individual business or corporate and/or State crime, including such forms of financial crime, fraud, genocide and corruption.

ULO4: Outline the challenges involved in regulating, prosecuting and punishing these crimes from a global and local perspective.

ULO5: Communicate effectively in oral and written formats.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Mid-Semester quiz	15%	No	Friday of week 7 before 11:55PM
Final Essay	60%	No	Friday of week 12 before 11:55PM
End of semester quiz	15%	No	Friday of week 13 before 11:55PM
Particiation	10%	No	Throughout session

Mid-Semester quiz

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **Friday of week 7 before 11:55PM**
Weighting: **15%**

A quiz with questions from the readings of weeks 1-7

Due Friday of week 7

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Final Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **Friday of week 12 before 11:55PM**
Weighting: **60%**

Students will submit a 2,500 word essay. They choose a case of corporate or state crime and use it to illustrate and discuss the theoretical and empirical issues discussed in class.

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End of semester quiz

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **Friday of week 13 before 11:55PM**
Weighting: **15%**

A quiz with questions on the readings of weeks 8-13.

Due Friday of week 13.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Particiation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 8 hours
Due: **Throughout session**
Weighting: **10%**

Students will have to actively participate in the class and external forums as needed.

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[1] If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

[2] Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

DELIVERY AND RESOURCES

THE UNIT CONSISTS OF 13 ONE-HOUR LECTURES.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE LECTURE (online for S2 2020).

PARTICIPATION IS

EXPECTED OF ALL STUDENTS IN LECTURES AND TUTORIALS.

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

• You should spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes listening

to lectures prior to seminar or tutorial, reading weekly required materials as detailed in

iLearn, and preparing assessments.

• Internal students are expected to attend all seminar or tutorial sessions, and external

students are expected to make significant contributions to on-line activities.

• In most cases students are required to attempt and submit all major assessment tasks in

order to pass the unit

REQUIRED READINGS

• The citations for all the required readings for this unit are available to enrolled students

through the unit iLearn site, and at Macquarie University's library site. Electronic copies

of required readings may be accessed through the library or will be made available by other
means.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

• Computer and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills

in word processing are also a requirement.

• This unit has an online presence. Login is via: https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/

• Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile

devices alone are not sufficient.

SUBMITTING ASSESSMENT TASKS

• All text-based assessment tasks are to be submitted, marked and returned electronically.

This will only happen through the unit iLearn site.

• Assessment tasks must be submitted as a MS word document by the due date.

• Most assessment tasks will be subject to a 'TurnitIn' review as an automatic part of the

submission process.

• The granting of extensions of up to one week are at the discretion of the unit convener or

nominated delegate such as a tutor. Any requests for extensions must be before the due

date for the submission of the assessment task. Extensions beyond one week are

subject to the university's Disruptions Policy

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

• If an assignment is submitted late, 5% of the available mark will be deducted for each

day (including weekends) the paper is late.

• For example, if a paper is worth 20 marks, 1 mark will be deducted from the grade given

for each day that it is late (i.e. a student given 15/20 who submitted 4 days late will lose 4

marks = 11/20).

• The same principle applies if an extension is granted and the assignment is submitted

later than the amended date.

WORD LIMITS FOR ASSESSMENT TASKS

• Stated word limits include footnotes and footnoted references, but not bibliography, or

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and

Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(**Note:** The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Getting help with your assignment
- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.