1. **Course Description and Objectives**

This course will focus on Australia and international white collar crime. The majority of the course will be taught at the SIU School of Law during the fall 2016 semester. Students will then travel to Sydney, Australia to continue their studies during winter break 2016/2017. The travel portion of the course is scheduled to occur from **Thursday, January 5, 2017 until Sunday, January 15, 2017**. The travel portion is scheduled during winter break to enable students the opportunity to extend their time in Australia and the surrounding region by beginning their travels prior to January 5, 2017.

During the fall semester, students will learn about Australian history, culture, and legal systems and about international white collar crime. As part of this course of study, students will read Kate Grenville, *The Secret River* (2005) and *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson (2000). Students will also watch movies such as *Rabbit-Proof Fence* and *A Cry in the Dark*. Finally, several class sessions will be spent introducing students to various types of international white collar crime and the process by which attorneys conduct international internal investigations for corporations.

During the travel portion of the trip, students will spend a week in Sydney, Australia (travel and program dates - Thursday, January 5, 2017 through Sunday, January 15, 2017). Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere and, therefore, this will be the height of summer in Australia. As the travel portion will occur over the SIU winter break, students are permitted to travel to Australia prior to the
group visit dates should they so choose. The above travel dates reflect departing the United States on Thursday, January 5 and arriving in Sydney, Australia on Saturday, January 7. If a student chooses to arrive in Australia early, they may depart for Australia on a date of their choosing. However, the student must report to the hostel in Sydney, Australia to join the group trip the afternoon of Saturday, January 7.

Though the schedule of activities in Australia will not be finalized until shortly before the departure, it is envisioned that students will spend part of their time visiting with individuals working in the field of international white collar crime, including members of U.S. law enforcement at the U.S. Consulate, attorneys at Baker & McKenzie law firm, accountants at Ernst & Young accounting firm, and attorneys and judges at several courts. Students will also spend part of their time in Sydney engaging in cultural activities, including a historic walking tour, a harbor cruise, visits to museums, an Aboriginal Australian cultural dinner, and a Blue Mountains day tour. Finally, students will have time to explore Sydney on their own. During the trip, students will blog about their experiences on the SIU School of Law website. After completion of the program, students will write a paper regarding their experience in Australia.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Identify the major international white collar crimes and discuss the enforcement focus of each.
- Understand the historical development of Australia, including the development of its legal system and the similarities and differences between the United States and Australia.
- Understand the phenomena of globalization and its relevance to criminal law.
- Understand the practical application of the international white collar crimes we studied to the practice of international white collar criminal law by prosecutors, defense attorneys, auditors, and judges.

2. **Class Time and Room**

During the Carbondale portion of this course, the class will meet on Mondays from 4:20-6:00pm in room 251 of the Law School, except where noted otherwise in the course reading schedule. Please see the course reading and class schedule posted on TWEN for further details regarding these class meetings. The schedule for our time in Australia will be distributed prior to the trip.

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1 **NOTE:** Students arriving early to engage in tourism, further study, internships, or work are solely responsible for securing the appropriate Visa for such activities and will be solely responsible for the costs of securing such Visa. Students are also solely responsible for securing accommodations for their time in Sydney prior to the group visit and are solely responsible for any expenses arising from arriving early. Students may not stay beyond January 15, 2017 because of the start of the spring 2017 semester on January 17, 2017.

2 **Because of the distance and the applicable time change, you may “lose a day” traveling to Australia from the United States. On the way home, however, you may “gain a day” and arrive home the same day you depart. Because of these issues, please pay close attention to departure and arrival dates/times when booking flights for this course.**
3. **Contact Information**

   a. *General.* My office is Room 250. My office telephone number is 618-453-8797. My mobile telephone number is 321-298-0269. My e-mail address is ldervan@siu.edu.

   b. *Office Hours.* My scheduled office hours are as follows: Mondays 10:30am – 12:30pm (except when there is a scheduling conflict, such as a faculty meeting). You can also meet with me outside these times, so please feel free to stop by my office if the door is open. If for some reason you cannot meet during the scheduled office hours or at another time when I am in the office, please email, text, or call me so we can schedule a time to meet. When scheduling a meeting, you may request an in-person meeting or a Skype meeting. My Skype address is professor.dervan.

   c. *Electronic Communication.* Check your e-mail daily. I will use your SIU e-mail address to send messages pertaining to class. I often send messages through the TWEN page.

4. **Course Materials**

   Some of the materials for this course will be posted on TWEN. You are responsible to check the TWEN page and to read any assigned materials posted to the TWEN page. The two primary texts for this course are as follows:

   - Kate Grenville, *The Secret River* (Canongate 2005)
   - Bill Bryson, *In a Sunburned Country* (Broadway 2000).

5. **Grading and Evaluation**

   This course will be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Satisfactory completion of the following course requirements is necessary to receive a “Satisfactory” for this course.

   1. Actively participate in all class meetings and cultural events both at SIU and in Australia.
   2. Attend all class meetings at SIU – no absences will be permitted without prior approval from Professor Dervan.
   3. Attend all class meetings and cultural tours in Australia – no absences will be permitted without prior approval from Professor Dervan.
   4. Blog on the SIU School of Law website about your experiences in Australia during the trip.
   5. Prepare a five page paper (double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins) regarding the below:

   *Discuss the following two topics in your paper:*

   1. How does international white collar crime impact the global community and how did your experiences in Sydney add to your understanding of these issues?
   2. Discuss your experience visiting Australia as part of this program and how it has contributed to your legal education?
I recommend you keep a journal during the trip to assist you in organizing your thoughts when you return to write the paper. **Papers are due by 5pm on January 22, 2017 (please provide your papers to Prof. Dervan via email).**

6. **Workload Expectations**

The American Bar Association standards for accrediting law schools contain a formula for calculating the amount of work that constitutes one credit hour. According to ABA Standard 310(b)(1), “a “credit hour” is an amount of work that reasonably approximates: (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time.” This is a 3-credit hour class. The workload will be divided between our classroom time in Carbondale and our trip to Australia. During our classroom time in Carbondale, we will meet once a week for 100 minutes. The amount of assigned reading and out of class preparation should take you about 4 hours for each week we are in Carbondale. The remainder of the course’s workload hours will be completed in Sydney, Australia.

7. **Attendance Policy**

No absences are permitted for this course without prior approval from Professor Dervan. A failure to attend all class sessions may result in the receipt of an “Unsatisfactory” grade for this course.

8. **Classroom Etiquette**

Please be courteous to your fellow students during classroom discussion. This includes ensuring that all cell phones are turned off prior to the beginning of class. If you have an emergency that requires you be available by cell phone, simply let me know before class begins.

Please note that during our trip to Australia you remain bound by all SIU and SIU School of Law rules, policies, and procedures. A violation of any such rules, policies, and/or procedures may result in sanctions pursuant to such rules, policies, and/or procedures. Further, unprofessional conduct during the trip may result in your immediate dismissal from the course without entitlement to any reimbursement of your course fee, your receipt of a failing grade in the course, and/or any other sanctions available under the SIU and/or SIU School of Law rules, policies, and procedures. Further, any disruptions at the hostel that jeopardize our ability to remain in the hostel as a group may lead to your immediate removal from the hostel. If this occurs, you are solely responsible for the costs of securing other accommodations in Australia and you will not be entitled to any reimbursement of your course fee or any amounts from your course fee used to secure your booking at the hostel.

9. **Reading Schedule**

The entire reading and class schedule is posted on TWEN.

10. **Students with Disabilities**

The law school’s policies and procedures regarding students with disabilities may be found online at [http://www.law.siu.edu/](http://www.law.siu.edu/). Students with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should
contact the Registrar’s office.

11. **Video Recording of Class**

   Please note that this course will not be video recorded.

12. **Emergency Procedures**

    Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on the BERT’s website at [www.bert.siu.edu](http://www.bert.siu.edu), Department of Public Safety’s website [www.dps.siu.edu](http://www.dps.siu.edu) (disaster drop down) and in the Emergency Response Guidelines pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.

    Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. **It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency.** The BERT will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.