Thio – Chapters: 11-15
Adler & Adler - Chapters: 15, 16, 33, 44, 22, 37, 42, 27, 36, 43, and 47.

**Week 11 Readings:**

**Thio Ch. 11 – Substance Abuse:**

Know about the harm caused by legal and illegal drugs; why some drugs are legal and others are not; usage patterns as well.

Know the 3 general types of drugs.

Know the 5 factors that influence the effects of drugs; know the general info on marijuana, heroin, cocaine/crack, meth and roofies, and ecstasy.

Under the broad heading of the social dimensions of drug use, know about usage trends, the connection between IV drug use and AIDS, the relationship between drugs and crime, and the association between certain drugs and social class.

Under the heading of becoming a drug user, know Becker’s process of learning to become a marijuana user (technique, recognizing the effects, enjoying them, etc.).

Know the profile of illegal drug users.

Know the 3 general categories of theoretical explanations of drug use – economic deprivation, cognitive association, and social psychological.

Know the history of the War on Drugs, including the use of law enforcement and the debate over legalization.

Know the strategies of prevention and treatment.

**Adler and Adler Ch. 15 – The Social Construction of Drug Scares:**

Know the history of drug scares and drug laws than Reinarman covers – make the connection with the targeted groups.

Know the 7 ingredients of a good old fashioned drug scare.

Know the 3 components of Reinarman’s culturally specific theory of drug scares.

**Adler and Adler Ch. 16 – Blowing Smoke: Status Politics and the Smoking Ban:**

Understand the debate regarding banning tobacco in public buildings in the context of moral entrepreneurs versus the less powerful status quo group.
Understand how social class and moralizing play a role in this moral crusade.

Adler and Adler Ch. 33 – Recreational Ecstasy Users:

In this article, be able to discuss how these ecstasy users began their use, how their use is similar to the process that Becker describes among most drug users, and the 3 justifications for continued use.

Adler and Adler Ch. 44 – Hard Drugs in a Soft Context:

Don’t worry about being tested over this article.

Week 12 Readings:

Thio Ch. 12 – Drinking and Alcoholism:

Be familiar with the extent of drinking and alcoholism in the U.S.

Know the different types of effects of alcohol – mental and physical, health, and social.

Know the social factors in drinking – how gender, age, race/ethnicity, religious affiliation, social class, and region are all associated with drinking alcohol.

Know the extent of binge drinking in college, including the Perkins study; who is the typical college binge drinker – be able to identify at least 5 characteristics.

Know the 3 reasons why women’s bodies tolerate alcohol less than men’s.

Know the 3 broad factors associated with alcoholism – biological predisposition, the alcoholic personality, and social/cultural factors.

Know about the history of controlling alcohol in the U.S.

Week 13 Readings:

Thio Ch. 13 – Privileged Deviance:

Know the inclusive definition of white collar deviance that Thio uses.

Know the general categories of corporate deviance – deviance against employees (know Ermann and Lundman here), deviance against customers, deviance against the government, and deviance against the environment.

Know the 5 legal corporate practices allowed as a result of corporate deregulation.

Know the 3 broad types of occupational deviance – employee theft, embezzlement, and financial fraud.

Know the different types of deviance within the professions – medicine, law, and accounting.
Know the 3 factors associated with the uniqueness of white collar deviance.

Know the causes of white collar deviance – be able to discuss all three.

Under government deviance, know the 3 types of political corruption and the 3 types of election improprieties.

Know the 5 techniques in neutralizing government deviance.

Adler and Adler Ch. 22 – Doctor’s Autonomy and Power:

Know the three elements of the protective cloak that insulates medical doctors.

Be able to describe the four types of medical offenses discussed in the article.

Know the issues associated with Medicaid fraud.

Adler and Adler Ch. 37 – War Profiteering: Iraq and Afghanistan:

Don’t worry about being tested over this article.

Adler and Adler Ch. 42 – Fraud and the American Dream:

Don’t worry about being tested over this article.

Week 14 Readings:

Thio Ch. 14 – Underprivileged Deviance:

Know about robbery – why do it, which target, and how to do it; also understand robbery in the context of actual violence and potential violence.

Know the patterns of robbery – city size, time of year, location, use of a weapon, etc.

Know the differences between amateur and professional robbers.

Know the two general causes of robbery (relative deprivation and economic abundance).

Know about the characteristics and trends regarding auto theft and carjacking.

Know about the typical burglary.

Know the social profile of the typical shoplifter, along with the causes of shoplifting.

Adler and Adler Ch. 27 – The Devil Made me do it:

Be able to describe the extent to which convicted shoplifters utilized various techniques of neutralization – be able to describe several of these techniques.
Adler and Adler Ch. 36 – Russian Organized Crime in America:

Don’t worry about being tested over this article.

Adler and Adler Ch. 43 – Deciding to Commit a Burglary:

The authors provide background and motivational factors associated with burglary. Be able to describe who the typical residential burglar is and the 5 motivational factors associated with burglary.

Week 15 Readings:

Thio Ch. 15 – Internet Deviance:

Know about online identity theft and Internet gambling.

Know about the practice of cyber sex and Diane Wysocki’s research on the subject (including the 5 reasons for it that she discovered).

Know about the proliferation of pornography on the Internet.

Know about the extent of online affairs.

Know about the practices of computer hacking and cyberterrorism.

Adler and Adler Ch. 47 – The Relevance of the Sociology of Deviance:

While perhaps not an absolutely convincing rebuttal to some claims of the death of the Sociology of Deviance, Goode does provide some larger societal justifications for its continuance.

Regardless of your ideological beliefs (i.e. religion, politics, etc.), be prepared to state some arguments as to why sociologists should continue to study deviance.