

Missouri State University
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Course Syllabus
CRM 445/697 Combined: Victimology
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Course Description:

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of contemporary developments in Victimology along with the various concepts, trends and ideas that are pertinent within this field of study. We will examine the various forms of crime victimization, including interpersonal crimes, child abuse, property crime victimization, and institutional violence. We will also explore and analyze the characteristics of crime victims, victim reporting and patterns of non-reporting, as well as the treatment of victims by the various segments of the criminal justice system.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the historical development of victimology as a discipline
- Become familiar with the basic terms, concepts and ideas within victimology
- Be able to analyze contemporary trends, problems and debates in the study of crime victimization
- Develop a better awareness of the social, psychological, and political aspects of crime victimization
- Critically evaluate theoretical explanations and empirical findings concerning victims of crime
- Identify the key aspects associated with the experience of victims of crime in the criminal justice system

Required Text:

Victimology by Leah E. Daigle and Lisa R. Muftik, SAGE Publications, 2016.

Course Assessment:

***UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS...**

TESTS – There are 3 tests throughout our course. Each test covers the chapters that are included in that section. Tests are NOT cumulative. Each test consists of 33 questions, including multiple choice, T/F, and fill in the blank terms. Tests are worth 100 points each. The dates of the exams can be found on our course site in the ASSIGNMENT tab.

FINAL EXAM – There is a cumulative final exam at the end of our course. The final exam format will be similar to the other 3 tests but will consist of 50 questions. The final exam is worth 100 points. The date is TBA.

ACTIVITIES & DISCUSSION FORUMS – There are 5 Activities that are assigned throughout our course. Each activity is worth 10 points, for a total of 50 points. There are also 10 Discussion Forum prompts assigned throughout this course. Each discussion post is worth 5 points for a total of 50 possible points. Please refer to our course site in the COURSE INFORMATION tab for more information and details about the *activities and discussion forums*. The due dates for the activities and discussion posts are located in the various weekly modules on our course site in the ASSIGNMENT tab.

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FINAL PAPER – A 15-20 page term paper will be assigned to assess your comprehensive understanding of the course material. The format, topic, etc., will be provided to you in the first couple of weeks of the class, on our course site. This paper will comprise 20% of your overall grade in our class.

Grading:

In order to give students appropriate credit, grades will be reported on the basis of the following scale.

- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- 59 and below = F

Course Outline:

I. VICTIMOLOGY

- A. The nature and scope of the field of Victimology*
- B. How do we measure crime victimization?*
- C. How do we define victim?*
- D. The role of facilitation and precipitation*

II. INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

- A. Victims of domestic abuse*
- B. Child abuse and maltreatment*
- C. Secondary victims of homicide*
- D. Rape and sexual assault*
- E. Robbery victims*

III. PROPERTY CRIME VICTIMIZATION

- A. Elderly victims*
- B. Victim selection*
- C. Patterns of reporting*
- D. Psycho-social components of property crime victimization*

IV. VICTIMIZATION AT WORK AND SCHOOL

- A. Workplace violence*
- B. Victims of sexual harassment*
- C. Bullying*

V. INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE

- A. Needing protection from the protectors*
- B. Systematic victimization*

VI. VICTIMIZATION AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- A. The role and impact of criminal justice components on victimization*
- B. Remediating the wrong*
- C. The cost of victimization*
- D. The rights of victims of crimes*

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