

## CRJS 3736 - Criminal Victimization

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41976,

Credit hours: 3

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### Course Description

3736. Criminal Victimization. Dynamics of the victim-offender relationships within the Criminal Justice System. Review of advocacy programs including information on victim compensation/assistance programs. Examination of society's attitudes towards victims. Review of current laws advocacy for compensation of crime victims. Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CRJS 1500. 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group    | Title                                                                  | Author                          | ISBN          |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Required | Victimology: Legal, Psychological, & Social Perspectives (5th edition) | Harvey Wallace & Cliff Roberson | 9780134868264 |

Read Chapter 1: Introduction and History of Victimology

Read Chapter 2: An overview of the Justice System

Read Chapter 3: Measurement of Crime and its Effects

Read Chapter 4: The Consequences of Victimization

Read Chapter 5: Victim Advocacy

Read Chapter 6: Homicide Victims Read Chapter 7: Sexual Victimization

ReadChapter8: IntimatePartnerAbuse

Read Chapter 9: Child Abuse

Read Chapter 10: Elder Victims

Read Chapter 11: Hate Crimes

Read Chapter 12: Special Victim Populations

Read Chapter 13: Negligence and Intentional Torts

Read Chapter 14: Constitutional and Civil Rights of Victims

Read Chapter 15: Compensation and Restitution of Victims

Read Chapter 16: Victim Impact Statements

Read Chapter 17: International Aspects of Victimology

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

## Tentative Course Schedule Subject to Change CRJS 3736

| Week of | Reading(s)                   | Proposed Topic                            | Due/To Prepare for Class                                                                         |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/24    | Chapter 1                    | Syllabus review; Introduction and History | Read Chapter 1 and the syllabus                                                                  |
| 8/31    | Chapters 2 and 3             | Justice system; Measurement               | Read Chapters 2 and 3; Assignment 1 given                                                        |
| 9/7     | Chapter 4                    | Consequences                              | Read Chapter 4; Assignment 1 due September 10                                                    |
| 9/14    | Chapters 6 and 7             | Homicide; Sexual Victimization            | Read Chapters 6 and 7                                                                            |
| 9/21    | Chapter 8                    | Intimate Partner Violence                 | Read Chapter 8; Assignment 2 given                                                               |
| 9/28    | Chapter 9                    | Revenge Porn; Child Abuse                 | Read Chapter 9; Assignment 2 due October 1                                                       |
| 10/5    | Chapter 10                   | Elder Victims; Technology                 | Read Chapter 10                                                                                  |
| 10/12   | Chapter 11                   | Hate Crimes                               | Read Chapter 11; Assignment 3 given                                                              |
| 10/19   | Human Trafficking materials  | Human Trafficking                         | Read Human Trafficking materials distributed in class; Assignment 3 due October 20               |
| 10/26   | Chapter 12                   | Special Populations; Veterans             | Read Chapter 12                                                                                  |
| 11/2    | Chapter 5 and 14             | Victime Advocacy; Victims Rights          | Read Chapters 5 and 14; Assignment 4 given                                                       |
| 11/9    | Speaker in Class; Chapter 16 | Marsy's Law; Victim Impact Statements     | Read Chapter 16; Assignment 4 due November 12                                                    |
| 11/16   | Chapter 15                   | Victim Compensation; Cold Cases           | Read Chapter 15; Assignment 5 given                                                              |
| 11/23   | Cold Cases materials         | Cold Cases                                | Read Cold Cases materials distributed in class                                                   |
| 11/30   | True Crimes materials        | True Crimes                               | Read True Crimes materials distributed in class; Assignment 5 due December 1; Assignment 6 given |
| 12/7    | Final                        |                                           | Assignment 6 due December 10 Thursday 10:30-12:30pm                                              |

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