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 advocation 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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