CRJS 3736 - Criminal Victimization

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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.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Read Chapter 1: Introduction and History of Victimology Read Chapter 2: An overview of the Justice System	Analyze the Evolution of Victimology from Victim Blaming to Victim-Centered Justice	Discussion 1 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday. Do not submit a file to the discussion forum due 10/26/2026. Quiz 1 due: 10/26/2026
10/26	Read Chapter 3: Measurement of Crime and its Effects Read Chapter 4: The Consequences of Victimization	Assess the Impact of Underreporting on Crime Measurement and Victim Policy	Discussion # 2 Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday. Due 11/02/2026 Quiz 2 due 11/02/2026
11/2	Read Chapter 5: Victim Advocacy Read Chapter 6: Homicide Victims	Analyze the Role of Victim Advocacy Programs within the Criminal Justice System	Discussion #3: Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday. Do not submit a file to the discussion forum. Due 11/09/2026 Quiz 3: due 11/09/2026
11/9	Read Chapter 7: Sexual Victimization Read Chapter 8: Intimate Partner Abuse Read Chapter 9: Child Abuse	Apply Victimization Theory to the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence	Discussion 4: Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday Do not submit a file to the discussion forum due 11/16/2026 Midway Test due: 11/16/2026
11/16	Read Chapter 10: Elder Victims Read Chapter 11: Hate Crimes Read Chapter 12: Special Victim Populations	Evaluate Criminal Justice Responses to Elder Abuse and Exploitation	Quiz 4: due 11/23/2026 Discussion 5 due Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday due by 11/23/2026
11/23	Read Chapter 13: Negligence and Intentional Torts ead Chapter 14: Constitutional and Civil Rights of Victims	Evaluate the Balance Between Defendant Rights and Victim Rights	Quiz 5 due 11/30/2026 Assignment Title: Victim Narratives and Systemic Response Analysis due: 11/30/2026
11/30	Read Chapter 15: Compensation and Restitution of Victims Read Chapter 16: Victim Impact Statements Read Chapter 17: International Aspects of Victimology	Assess the Purpose and Impact of Victim Impact Statements in Sentencing	Discussion #6 due: Initial response due by Thursday and 2 responses to peers by Saturday. Do not submit a file to the discussion forum due 12/05/26 Final Exam Quiz 6 due 12/06/2026

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