

STANDARDIZED COURSE OUTLINE

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA AND COURSE NUMBER: CJS G280

COURSE TITLE: Victimology

COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduction to the principals and concepts regarding victims of crime. Topics include victim vulnerability and culpability, restitution, mediation, treatment and compensation and the victim's rights, services and the role of the criminal justice system.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

LAB HOURS PER WEEK (if applicable): 0

PREREQUISITE(S): None

SECTION II

A. SCOPE: Traditionally, society has focused considerable attention upon the offender in the criminal justice system. However, the past few years have seen monumental progress on the other forgotten member of crime, the victim. While some observers might prefer to look at the scientific study of victims as merely another facet or extension of criminology and criminal justice, other scholars have hailed the emergence of victimology as a long overdue development. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to these developments and to alert them to ongoing victim-related issues in the quest for victim-justice.

B. REQUIRED WORK: To be determined by the Instructor and described in the course syllabus.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Regular attendance and class participation are expected. Specific instructor policies should be listed in the class syllabus.

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: The methods of instruction are determined by each instructor and may include but are not limited to lecture, lecture/discussion, small group, collaborative learning, experimental/exploration, distance learning, students presentations, or use of technologies such as audio-visual materials, computer, language laboratory, and calculator.

E. OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, and ASSESSMENT: The following objectives and outcomes represent the department's core requirements for student achievement:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT METHODS
To demonstrate an understanding of:	Student will:	As measured by:
<p>Basic terms, concepts and ideas in victimology and its sub areas</p> <p>Historic plight of crime victims</p> <p>Past and present problems and dilemmas faced by crime victims</p> <p>Contemporary legislative and system policy developments regarding victims.</p> <p>Relationship between offenders and victims, victim's rights, victim justice, and the emergence of the victim's role in the criminal justice process</p>	<p>Demonstrate an understanding of the past, present and future trends in victimization, as well as restitution and compensation programs</p> <p>Apply theoretical and/or practical responses to issues involving victimization and victim assistance programs</p> <p>Describe the victim's role in crime</p> <p>Demonstrate the skills necessary to communicate effectively with both the victim and society</p> <p>Be encouraged to question their personal assumption views and opinions about various topics</p>	<p>Attendance of both class and extra-curricular lectures</p> <p>Completion of reading and written assignments.</p> <p>Oral presentations</p> <p>Service learning projects</p> <p>Quizzes and test</p>

F. TEXT(S) AND MATERIALS: To be determined by the instructor and defined in the course syllabus.

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Access to audio-visual and computer based presentation equipment and Internet based course management systems.