

Victimology

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

CRJU 203 – Victimology: is a course that introduces students to the basic ideas, concepts, terms, and trends in the field of victimology with a multicultural perspective. It includes a focus on victim-centered approaches and an emphasis on restorative justice and trauma centered care to better integrate the needs of crime victims into the criminal justice system.

Pre-requisites: ACLT 053 or (ESOL 052 and ESOL 054)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. explain the historical, cultural, and social movements causing philosophical shifts and changes in laws, as well as responses to and resources for crime victims;
2. summarize the role of victimologists and victim advocates in our society and within the criminal justice system;
3. compare the relationship between victim and offender in prominent theories of victimization, restorative justice practices, and trauma centered approaches;
4. differentiate between the methods of crime measurement for criminal offenders and crime victims;
5. assess the intersections of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, and ethnicity with the ways in which victims of crime interact with the criminal justice system;
6. differentiate the needs of crime victims throughout the criminal justice system response and beyond;
7. assess the impact of specific types of crime on the victim;
8. evaluate current crime victim programs and resources within society and the criminal justice system;
9. recommend approaches that the criminal justice system can take to reduce the impact of crime on the victim; and
10. debate the methods used by the media in portraying the different forms of victimization.

Major Topics

- I. The process of victimization
 - a. Historical development of victimology
 - b. Victimization theories
 - c. Measuring crime and victimization
- II. Role of victim advocate
 - a. Victim advocate training and skills
 - b. Multicultural approach to working with crime victims

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- c. Trauma centered care for the crime victim
 - d. Ethical considerations for the victim advocate
- III. Specific crimes and their impact on victims
 - a. Homicide
 - b. Sexual assault
 - c. Domestic and dating violence
 - d. Family violence
 - e. Criminal driving
 - f. Economic and white-collar crimes
 - g. Property crimes
 - h. Violent crimes
 - i. Hate crimes
 - j. Workplace and school violence
 - k. Identity theft
 - l. Gang violence
 - m. Crimes against special populations
- IV. Response to crime victims
 - a. Restorative justice
 - b. Programs for crime victims
 - c. Victim's rights movement; legal reforms
 - d. Media influence on crime victims
 - e. System response
 - i. Police
 - ii. Courts
 - iii. Corrections

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- two exams: a mid-term and a final (the final does not have to be cumulative) OR two major projects (written or debate) combining objective and analytical/critical thinking
- three minor assignments, such as group projects, scenarios, and discussion

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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