

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Department

Criminal Justice 4263

VICTIMOLOGY

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SYLLABUS

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A study of the patterns of victim-offender relationships and the process of victimization. The following are explored: the role of victims in the criminal process, problems of adjustment to victimization; and issues of victim compensation, restitution, and advocacy.

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 1013

II. COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After completing Criminal Justice 4263, the student will be able to:

1. Trace the historical development of victimology.
2. Define a victim.
3. Describe the magnitude of the victim problem.
4. Describe the victim's role in crime.
5. Describe the victim-criminal justice system interaction.
6. Identify the major issues of victimology.

III. COURSE PURPOSE:

This is a required course in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with the Administration of Justice option.

IV. COURSE TEXTS:

The text for this course is **Crime Victims: An Introduction to Victimology** 3rd Ed. by Kermen, Andrew. Reading assignments are listed in the course schedule. The student is expected to have read and be ready to discuss the assigned material during the appropriate class meeting (see the schedule).

V. COURSE EXAMINATIONS:

There will be four (4) major examinations in this course. See the schedule for the dates. Make-up exams will **NOT** normally be given. It is the student's responsibility to be at and to take the examinations at the appropriate times.

VI. COURSE PROJECT:

Each student will take part in a class project or paper. The details of the class project or paper will be given out on a separate handout and in class.

VII. COURSE PARTICIPATION:

A maximum of 10 percent will be awarded for class participation. Students will be evaluated on their contribution to class discussion particularly on their performance during the short review period preceding most lectures. All students including those absent should carefully review material discussed before the next class meeting.

VIII. COURSE GRADING:

The student should understand that assignments, papers and presentations are to be turned in on or completed before the class indicated. **Papers and assignments that are not turned in by the class period indicated will have a penalty of a letter grade per each weekday (Monday-Friday) assigned.** Those students not doing a presentation during the assigned time without prior approval will have a penalty of two letter grades assigned per occurrence. **Failure to complete a major part of the course (turn papers, take major exams or make presentations) can result in the failure of the course.**

The following is a breakdown of the value of each element of the student's work as it pertains to the final grade:

Each examination will count 20%	$20 \times 4 = 80\%$
Class assignment will count 10%	$10 \times 1 = 10\%$
Class participation will count 10%	$10 \times 1 = 10\%$
	<u>Total = 100%</u>

Grading System:

90-100 = A

80- 89 = B

70- 79 = C

60- 69 = D

0- 59 = F

IX. COURSE FINAL GRADE:

If you would like to know your final grade at end of the semester before the University sends it to you, bring a **self addressed, stamped, business sized envelope** to the **final examination** and your final grade and final examination grade will be sent to you.

X. COURSE ETHICS:

A student found to be acting unethically (cheating on tests, quizzes, papers or assignments, etc.) will be failed in this course.

All work submitted to the instructor must be the result of the student's own effort. If it is not, it is **PLAGIARISM**. Any instances of plagiarism in any class assignment or test will result in a grade of zero for the assignment or test. The assignment or test will have to be redone as well. To plagiarize is to represent as one's own work the words or ideas of another. Examples of plagiarism include:

- a. Failure to give credit to the person whose words or ideas have been borrowed;
- b. Failure to place quotation marks (or other proper citation forms) around passages that are cited verbatim;
- c. and Minor changes of someone else's sentences and words that do not alter the essential style or meaning of the passage.

The above paragraph is copied from a professional colleague with his permission.

XI. COURSE DECORUM:

The University regulations prohibit the use of tobacco (both smoking and chewing), drinking and eating in the classroom. These regulations will be observed. Tape recorders are **NOT** allowed in this course. Students who disrupt class (talking, pagers, cell phones, watch alarms, ect.) or fail to follow instructions will be warned once without penalty. Subsequent infractions will result in a deduction of points from the student's final grade. Additional guidelines regarding classroom behavior will be announced in class.

XII. COURSE WITHDRAWAL:

Students may withdraw with a "W" grade until the last day allowed by the University (**February 18, 2000 this semester**) regardless of their grade in the course. Students who withdraw after the last day to withdraw with a "W" will receive a "W" grade if they are passing at the time of their withdrawal and have less than ten absences (calculated on the basis of a fifty-minute class period). Students who want to withdraw and have a "F" average and less than ten absences should see the instructor. Students with ten or more absences (calculated on the basis of a fifty-minute class period) who withdraw will receive a "F" grade.

XIII. COURSE ATTENDANCE:

A student should recognize that one of the most vital aspects of a college experience is attendance and participation in classes and that the value of this academic experience cannot be fully measured by testing procedures alone. The members of this class are considered sufficiently mature to appreciate the necessity of regular attendances, to accept this as a personal responsibility and to demonstrate the kind of self-discipline essential for such performance.

AS a student, one should remember that they are responsible for all material covered in class. If a class should be missed, it is the student's task to find and make-up the missed material. Leaving an electronic mail message, voice mail message, or written message does **NOT** fulfill this responsibility.

Attendance will count towards the computation of the student's final grade. **Students who came to class late or leave early will be counted absent.**

XIV. COURSE INFORMATION:

The class will meet from 5:20-20:00 on Wednesdays in room 203 of Seminary Hall.

XV. COURSE INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 13:00-16:00
Tuesday: 15:30-16:30
Wednesday: 15:00-17:00
Thursday: 15:30-16:30
Friday: 11:00-12:00
or by appointment

CLASS HOURS:

Monday:
Tuesday: 12:30-13:45 and 14:00-15:15
Wednesday: 17:20-22:00
Thursday: 12:30-13:45 and 14:00-15:15
Friday:

XVI. COURSE ACCOMMODATIONS:

If any member of the class feels that he/she has a disability and needs special accommodations, please advise the instructor of such disability at the first class attended.

XVII. COURSE EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

Under **EXTREMELY** compelling circumstances, exceptions can be made to some policies in this syllabus. If you have a problem, inform me as soon as possible, preferably beforehand and in person. If I am alerted early, it may be possible to work out a mutually satisfactory solution to the situation. Delay almost always makes resolution more difficult. I prefer to discuss problems in my office rather than in front of the class and find that the students are usually happier about the decisions made there. All exceptions to class policies in this syllabus must be requested in writing and, if approved, will be granted in writing. The instructor, not the students, determines class policy or policies in any instance in which the syllabus does not seem to be clear.

XVIII. COURSE GENERAL OUTLINE:

- I. Origin and Scope of Victimology
 - A. Rise of Victimology
 - B. Measuring crime
 - C. Victim surveys
 - D. Victimization trends
 - F. Attitudes toward victims
- II. Victims Role In Crime
 - A. Victim culpability
 1. Shared responsibility
 - a. Repeated responsibility
 - b. Fixing responsibility
 - c. Frequency
 2. Victim facilitation
 3. Victim provocation and precipitation
 - B. Resisting victim
 - C. Victim blaming
 - D. Victim defending
 - E. Vulnerability

III. Victim-Criminal Justice System Interaction

- A. Victim and police practice
- B. Victims and prosecution
 - 1. Victims as clients
 - 2. Victims as witnesses
 - 3. Pretrial settlement
 - 4. Victim versus defense attorneys
- C. Victim at trial
- D. Role of the victim in the correctional process
 - 1. Sentencing
 - 2. Parole

IV. Victim Issues

- A. Restitution by the offender
 - 1. Shared responsibility cases
 - 2. Privilege or right
 - 3. Economic considerations
 - 4. Needs and abilities
 - 5. For violent crime
 - 6. Civil lawsuits
- B. Compensation
- C. Victims rights
- D. Victim services
 - 1. Financing
 - 2. Crisis centers
 - 3. Victim assistant programs
 - 4. Advocacy
 - 5. Treatment
- E. Settling conflicts through mediation and compromise
- F. Vigilantism

XIX. COURSE SCHEDULE:

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGES</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1	January 12	Introduction	1-45	
2	January 19	Statistics	46-86	
3	January 26	Risks	86-107	
4	February 2	Responsibility	108-125	EXAM # 1 (1-107)
5	February 9	Victim Blaming	125-155	
6	February 16	Victim & Police	156-181	
7	February 23	Victim & The System	181-208	
8	March 1	Special Victims I	209-224	EXAM # 2 (108-208)
9	March 8	Special Victims II	244-293	
10	March 22	Restitution	294-210	
11	March 29	Repayment	310-336	
12	April 5	Future Directions	337-349	EXAM # 3 (209-336)
13	April 12	Vigilante	349-373	
14	April 19	Future	None	
15	April 26	Reports	None	Reports Due
16	May 3	EXAM # 4	1-373	

“PLEASE BE PLANNING WELL AHEAD SO THAT YOU ARE PREPARED FOR THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS ON THE ABOVE DATES”