

01:202:310:01 **Victimology and Domestic Violence**

Criminal Justice Program

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General Description of the Course:

Students will learn to define victimization and learn the scope of violent crime in society. The Course includes a review of the issues, prevalence, myths, policies, programs, and services aimed at victims. The class will examine the expanding role of the courts, the police, battered women's shelters, victim/witness assistance programs, crisis intervention units and legislation. The course will also highlight non-conventional conceptions of victimization and international perspectives on victims' rights.

Dates of Note:

Midterm Exam = 10/28

Papers Due = 12/9

Timeline Due = 12/13

Final Exam = 12/21

Grades:

10% = Quizzes/Attendance/In-Class assignments

20% = Timeline

20% = Midterm Exam

25% = Final Exam

25% = Paper

Required Texts:

Doerner, W.G., & Lab, S.P. (2008). Victimology (5th Ed). Newark, NJ: Lexis Nexis Group.

Moriarty, L.J. (2008). Controversies in Victimology (2nd Ed). Newark, NJ: Lexis Nexis Group.

- Other readings will be assigned throughout the course, but not in text format.

Quizzes, Attendance and In-Class Assignments:

Together these things make up 10% of your grade. Quizzes will only be given as needed and there will be as few or as many as are needed in the course if it is evident that students are not reading (gauged by participation in class discussion). Quizzes and in-class assignments are not available for make-up unless you have an EXCUSED absence, and will be due upon the first day the student returns to class. If an in-class assignment is done when you are absent (and excused), contact the professor for the assignment so that you will be prepared upon your return.

Excuses are outlined by the University, including but not limited to doctor's appointments, funerals, and religious observances; also included are University-sanctioned events such as conferences, athletic events in which one takes part as a University team member, and other such instances. All excused absences must be PRE-APPROVED by the professor unless impossible because of presenting circumstances and all excuse notes become property of the professor. Any counterfeit notes or excuses such as doctor's notes are grounds for failing this course. Attendance makes up a large portion of this grade, and because of this, it is important that you are on time for class, arriving no later than 10 minutes late as that is when attendance will be taken. It is your responsibility to be aware of your own attendance record, and other students verifying your presence in class does not suffice.

Paper:

Please see Appendix to syllabus for write-up regarding this assignment. It is intended to help students develop research and writing skills.

Exam Make-up Policy:

As defined above, only excused absences are grounds for a make-up exam, and **MUST** be made apparent **and approved** before the exam start time, including the final.

Special note about movies and other missed work:

Whenever a movie or other clip is shown in class, the notes from that movie will suffice or the film may be borrowed from the professor. As such, it is important that you, as a student, take full responsibility for catching up on any and all missed work that occurs as a result of excused or unexcused absences. Notes and other course materials are the responsibility of the student, and the professor will not provide such work to any student.

Other vital information:

Students with disabilities are advised to contact the department so that arrangements may be made with the instructor to meet special learning needs of the student.

Academic Freedom is a fundamental right in any institution of higher learning. Honesty and integrity are necessary preconditions of this freedom. Academic integrity requires that all academic work be wholly the product of an identified individual or individuals. Joint efforts are legitimate only when the

assistance of others is explicitly acknowledged. Ethical conduct is the obligation of every member of the University community, and breaches of academic integrity constitute serious offenses and will be handled as such.

Dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and denying others access to information. For more information on these topics and the penalties available to your professor, please refer to the University Website. If you are dishonest by any of these standards, you will fail this course, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Tentative Schedule:

- 9/2 Introduction to the Course and Defining Victimology
- 9/8 Chapter 1 D&L Scope of Victimology
- 9/9 Chapter 2 D&L Extent of Victimization
- 9/13 Media Video & Newspaper Exercise, Chapter 4 Moriarty
- 9/16 Chapter 3 D&L Costs of Victimization
- 9/20 TOPICS DUE FOR RESEARCH/PAPERS ~~~ RESEARCH DAY
- 9/23 Video 1st Response, Defining Victimization, Chapter 6 Moriarty Fear of Crime
- 9/27 Chapter 2 Moriarty Victim Blaming, Chapter 4 D&L Plight of Victims
- 10/4 Chapter 5 D&L Restorative Justice
- 10/7 NO CLASS – THIS COURSE ONLY, CLASS CANCELED
- 10/11 Chapters 8 & 9 Moriarty and Video Victim Impact
- 10/14 FIRST DRAFT OF YOUR TIMELINES ARE DUE
Chapter 6 D&L Sexual Battery
- 10/18 Chapter 10 Moriarty Female Sex Offenders, other sexual offense reading materials TBA
- 10/21 REFERENCE PAGES DUE FOR YOUR PAPERS/RESEARCH
Timelines of Victims' Rights
- 10/25 Chapter 7 D&L Domestic Violence
- 10/28 Midterm Exam
- 11/4 Chapter 7 Moriarty Cyber-stalking, Class Assignment

- 11/8 Chapters 8 & 9 D&L, Child Abuse and Elder Abuse
- 11/11 Watch The Brave One
- 11/15 Watch The Brave One
- 11/18 Chapter 10 D&L Homicide, other materials may be assigned
- 11/22 RUTGERS REDESIGNATION OF DAYS – GO TO WEDNESDAY CLASSES TODAY!
- 11/25 Thanksgiving NO CLASSES
- 11/29 PAPERS DUE
- Chapter 11 D&L Work and School
- 12/2 Chapter 12 D&L Victims' Rights
- 12/6 Chapters 1 & 5 Moriarty
- 12/9 OPEN
- 12/13 OPEN/REVIEW FOR FINAL – Timeline Due
- 12/21 Scheduled Final Exam period (8:00 am – 11:00 am)

This schedule WILL be altered throughout the course of the semester and it is your responsibility as the student to be aware of these changes as they are announced in class.

Term Paper Assignment for Victims and Domestic Violence

Option 1:

Select a biographical or auto-biographical account of a victimization event. This book must be published in the last 10 years and be no less than 200 pages. Once you have selected a book it must be approved by the professor, and that title is due no later than **September 20th**.

In addition to reading the book, you will also find 2 research articles in refereed journals that discuss the same type of victimization.

The paper will discuss the experiences of the particular victim and what the research says about the victim or victimization experience.

Option 2:

Select a form of victimization that you would like to learn more about. Then you will write a research paper about that victimization, including information on rates of victimization, legal rights of the victims, theories about such victimization, etc.

You must find no fewer than 5 sources of information in refereed journals or books, but not text books.

Your topic is due for approval by the professor typed and in class on **September 20th**.

Requirements for both options:

1. Papers are to be written in APA format
2. Papers are to be no less than 4 pages long, not including cover pages or reference pages.
3. All papers will be submitted in Times New Roman font, 12 point, with normal margin pre-sets of one inch on top, bottom, left, and right.
4. There is to be no collaboration with other students on this paper, and cheating, copying or plagiarism in any way is grounds for course failure.
5. Reference pages are due for Professor review in class and typed by **October 21st**.
6. The final draft will be due in class on **November 29th**.