COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Description. CRIJ4308 This course includes a comprehensive study of victimization, including the relationship between the victims and offenders, and their interaction with the criminal justice system. Specifically, students will learn about the history of Victimology, theories explaining victimization, victims’ rights and remedies, and will cover specific crimes and how they affect crime victims.

Course Learning Objectives. The goal of the course is to help students become familiar with theories of victimization, victimization research, and victim centered policies and programs. By the end of this course students should be able to demonstrate they understand theories of victimization and can critically evaluate them. The objectives of the course are to learn key concepts of criminology. Which includes learning,

- the history of victim recognition, rights, and services.
- the content of major theories or crime and victimization.
- the demographics of victims.
- the behaviors and responses to victimization
- theoretical research within the field of criminal justice regarding victims.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS
This course is 100% online. Students must be familiar with Canvas in order to navigate the course materials, assignments, and assessments. You can learn to use Canvas by reviewing the student study guide at https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701. A student’s final grade in this course is based on how well they perform on chapter quizzes, written assignments, and exams.

MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS & EXAMINATIONS

Application Exercises (20%). Application exercises are written assignments that require students to seek out information on their own. These assignments help tie the course material to real world issues and show students how theories of victimology influence criminal justice policy and programs. Each exercise has different requirements and additional resources to use. Writing is important and significantly affects scores.

Chapter Review Quizzes (30%). The purpose of these quizzes is to ensure reading and understanding of the material. Students receive limited feedback with their score, for more detailed feedback students must contact the instructor.

Midterm and Final Exams (50%). Exams assess your level of understanding of all course
material, including videos and additional readings. The format is multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, and matching. Students receive limited feedback with their score, for more detailed feedback students must contact the instructor.

**LECTURE TOPICS**

I. Introduction to Victimology
II. Extent, Theories, and Factors of Victimization
III. The Victim–Offender Overlap
IV. Consequences of Victimization
V. Recurring Victimization
VI. Victims’ Rights and Remedies
VII. Homicide Victimization
VIII. Sexual Victimization
IX. Intimate Partner Violence
X. Victimization at the Beginning and End of Life
XI. Victimization of Special Populations
XII. Victimization at School and Work
XIII. Property and Identity Theft Victimization
XIV. Victimology From a Comparative Perspective
XV. Contemporary Issues in Victimology