

**CJ487**  
**Victimology**  
**FALL SEMESTER 2019**  
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**Catalog Course Description**

An comprehensive study of the victims of crime, including their characteristics per crime, and their relationship with their perpetrators. Compensation programs and victimization studies will be covered. Other victim related contemporary issues will also be examined.

**Core Learning Objectives of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Program**

Upon completion of the undergraduate program the student should be able to:

1. Define, examine, and analyze the study of victimology;
2. Develop an awareness of the history and development of crime victims' rights movement in the United States;
3. Comprehend the rediscovery of crime victims by the media, businesses, the criminal justice system, and social movement;
4. Identify and discuss victimization patterns including differential and cumulative risks;
5. Describe and integrate major theoretical explanations of criminal victimization; and
6. Outline and discuss the three key goals victims can pursue through the criminal justice system.

**Required Textbook**

Karmen, A. (2016). Crime victims: An introduction to victimology. (9th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-30526103-7.

**Grading Policy**

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Total 100 points: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, Below 60=F

1. Middle Semester Examination (20 points)  
An open note and in-class examination as Middle Term Examination will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test student's understanding of the content in the required textbook.
2. Final Examination (30 points)

An open-note and in class examination as Final Examination will be held on December 27, 2017. This examination will consist of many multiple-choice questions that test your understanding of the contents in the required textbook and class practices.

3. Class Presentation (20 points)

- A. Each of you is assigned to present your comments on the assigned material in related chapter of the requires textbook for at least 5 minutes on the schedules day in the syllabus (10 points)
- B. Each of you is required to write a four-page term paper in which you will polish your comments in your presentation. You will also need to submit the term paper right after your class presentation during that class. The requirements of the class paper will be issued separately (10).

4. Class Participation (30 points)

Class participation will be a combining product of attending class, raising substantial questions about the related issues, exercising practices, and submitting issued assignments during class.

**Class meeting Time and Place**

Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:40 pm @ COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHITESIDE HALL RM 104

**Make-Up Policy**

Make up may be allowed, depending on the circumstances with an excuse. It is at the professor's discretion and with students' request before the deadlines of quizzers, exams, or assignments.

**Cheating & Plagiarism Policy**

Cheating in any fashion will not be tolerated, including but not limited to plagiarizing another's words, work or ideas on individual assignments.

Plagiarism will result in at least a failing grade for the assignment(s) and/or course.

**Class Attendance Policy**

Attendance, by policy, is required. With no attendance, at least you would not earn your points from your participation unless, even if you face an emergency, you have doctor's excuse and/or an excuse letter from the Office of Student Affairs that are the ONLY excuses, whenever provides before final exam, for earning your points from your participation when you are absent.

**General Course Policies**

- 1. Be on time for class activities. "Late", is greatly not encouraged. You do not have to be perfect but need to make perfect efforts.
- 2. Do not bring children to the classroom, turn off cell-phones, pagers and/or noising or sound electronics or mechanic devices during the class, and no nosing or sound electronic or mechanic devices can appear on the surface during class.
- 3. The professor reserves the right to modify assignments and/or any contents of this syllabus to meet the needs of the students enrolled and to adjust for unforeseen events, modification or

adjustments will be announced during class or via email; it is your responsibilities to pay attention to any modifications or adjustments.

4. Any with either learning or physical disabilities should consult the relevant office at the University and address your situation to the professor with the official documents from the office.
5. You are expected to follow all university policies regarding students' activities in class and in professor's office.

### **CJ393 Criminal Procedure Spring Semester 2017 Tentative Schedule**

Dates	Topics	Readings and Assignments
August 26/30/2019	Introduction/ What is Victimology?	Chapter 1
September 2/6	The Rediscovery of Crime Victims	Chapter 2
September 9/13	Victimization in the United States	Chapter3
September 16/20	Quiz	Chapter 1,2 &3
September 23/27	A Closer Look at the Victims of Interpersonal Crimes of Violence and Theft	Chapter4
September- October 30/4	The Ongoing Controversy over Shared Responsibility	Chapter 5
October 7/11	Midterm Exams (Chapter 1-5)	
October 14/18	Victims and the Police	Chapter 6
October 21/25	Victims' Rights and the Criminal Justice System	Chapter 7
October 28/ November 1	Victimized Children	Chapter 8
November 4/8	Quiz	Chapter 6,7,8
November 11/15	Victims of Violence by Lovers and Family Members	Chapter 9
November 18/22	Victims of Rapes and Other Sexual Assaults	Chapter 10
November 25/29	Thanksgiving Break	

December 2/6	Final (Chapter 6-10) Have a Great Christmas Break	
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