

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:**

**CJC 214- 95
Victimology
3 Credit and 3 Contact Hours**

Fall 2007

Course Description

This course introduces the study of victims. Emphasis is placed on roles/characteristics of victims, victim interaction with the criminal justice system and society, current victim assistance programs, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to discuss and identify victims, the uniqueness of victims' roles, and current victim assistance programs.

Prerequisites: RED 090

Corequisites: None

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course Meets: **Internet**

Required Text(s): Crime Victims, Andrew Karmen, 6th edition

LRC Resources: None

Required supplies: None

Course Competency: Articulate theories of crime

Course Objectives/Competencies:

1. The student will be able to discuss and identify victims, the uniqueness of victims' roles, and current victim assistance program.
2. The student will be able to discuss the history of victimology to include the role of the victimologist in society.
3. The student will be able to discuss the victims' role in the criminal justice to include:
 - a. The victim's role in crime.
 - b. Cooperation and conflict within the criminal justice system and society.
 - c. Victim case histories with emphasis on problems and solutions.
 - d. Societal response to victims' to include restitution and resolution of civil cases involving victims.

Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work: Internet

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Students are expected to read the text in accordance with the attached course outline. Unannounced quizzes may be administered periodically. Students are expected to complete reading assignments prior to completing the course modules. Material will come from the text as well as lectures, message board discussions, and web links.

An individual project is to be completed and presented in the form of a power point presentation, to be posted on LEO for class peers to view and learn from. Associated with the power point, a 3 to 5 page paper is due to the instructor via LEO. The paper should be formal using the APA format. The topic for the power point/paper is to be cleared with the instructor by the end of the first week of class. Following are topics in which to choose from: **The ACLU and what it does for victims of crime, Amnesty International and what this organization does for victims of crime, Women's rights when dealing with violence, Why women stay in abusive relationships, How the press covers sex crimes and the victims of sex crimes, Criminal injury compensation programs, American violence and vigilantism, Elderly crime victims, The identify theft victim, Comparing other countries treatment of victims, Victims of hate crimes, Firearms and their control, Helping crime victims, Racial and religious violence and the victims, and Coping with crime on campus.**

Assignments will be posted using the module format with assignments for each module. The student is required to complete the assignment by the due date. **If the assignment is 1 day late, 1 letter grade reduction will occur, If the assignment is 2 days late, a 2 letter grade reduction will occur, and if the assignment is 3 days late, a 3 letter grade reduction will occur. After 3 days the assignment will not be accepted and an F for the assignment will be incurred. *** Special note: If any assignments are not completed the student will receive a failing grade for the class.**

An additional requirement for the course is that each student is required to post a current event topic **concerning victimization** on the message board for all in the class to view. **This is to be completed once per week.**

The paper/powerpoint will account for 1/3 of the course grade

The assignment portion of the class will account for 1/3 of the course grade

The message board assignment will account for 1/3 of the course grade

Grading Scale:

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = below 60

Inclement Weather Procedures: Internet

Academic Standards/Student Expectations/Ethics:

Students will maintain behavior consistent with a good learning environment. Academic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating or collaborating on a test, or submitting the academic work of another as one's own, is prohibited and will result in a class grade of "F" and a referral to the disciplinary committee for their action.

Withdrawal Dates:

Fall 2007

End of Unconditional Withdrawal September 25

End of Conditional Withdrawal November 1

Please read the following ADA statement: Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any, the student needs for success in this course.

A Special message from the instructor:

Certain content within this course, as in most of your criminal justice classes, produce strong and diverse opinions on the part of the peer group, and while lively argument and defense in support of ones opinion and position is encouraged and supported I fully expect each student to show the utmost respect for those whose opinions are opposed to your own. Someone once said, "The difference between an educated person and an uneducated person is that the educated person can listen to opinions geometrically opposed to his/her own without getting angry."

Course Outline/Weekly Topics

Week 1 What is victimology Ch. 1

Week 2 Crime Victims Ch. 2

Topics for powerpoint/paper due by the end of 2nd week

Week 3 UCR and NCVS Ch. 3

Week 4 Violent Crimes Ch. 4

Week 5 Victims contribution to crime Ch. 5

Week 6 The Police Ch. 6

Week 7 The Court System Ch. 7

Week 8 Children Ch. 8

Week 9 Domestic Victims Ch. 9

Week 10 Sexual Assault Victims Ch. 10

Week 11 Overlooked Victims Ch. 11

Week 12 Repaying Victims Ch.12

Week 13 Alternative Directions Ch.13

Week 14 **Powerpoint due via LEO for peer review by the end of 14th week**

Week 15 and 16 Formal papers from powerpoint due by the end of 15th week

*****note: Please do not forget to post weekly on the message board a current event topic related to victimization**