

CJ-3125/3 Crime Victims

Course Description and Objectives

This course will introduce students to the study of victimization and its social consequences. Major theoretical perspectives on victimization patterns are examined, addressing issues of gender, race and class, and social institutions such as the family and the criminal justice system. Students will become familiar with the socio-demographic profile of crime victims, and factors impacting the likelihood of victimization. Students will also gain knowledge about victim's rights, effects of victimization (including revictimization in the media) and victims attitudes towards the justice system.

Required Course Text

Crime Victims: Canadians in Context (2011). Hannah Scott. Oxford.

On WebCT

M. Weinrath, K. Clarke & D. Forde, (2007). "Fear of Crime in a Western Canadian City: A Longitudinal Study." *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

You final grade will be based on:

Two term tests consisting of multiple choice and short essay questions (33 1/3% each, total 66.6%). Short essay questions will be provided in advance, but will be numerous. Mastery of the material is expected. Exams are non-cumulative (cover only readings and material from the most recent half of the course). Bring a pencil and eraser. You will have the entire class period (one hour 15 minutes) for your mid-term test, two hours for the final test. You may be asked for identification prior to writing a test, please make sure you have picture ID.

One 10 page term paper worth 33 1/3%. The paper must be typed on a word-processor. More details on paper topics, word limits, format and style will be handed out in class.

Grade Distribution: A+=90-100, A=84-89, A-=80-83, B+=75-79, B= 70-74, C+= 65-69, C=56-64, D=50-55, F<50. I reserve the right to adjust these grade intervals, although I typically adjust them down, not up. Further information on grading is provided in the University Calendar, A20-21.

Missed Term Tests and Late Papers

Missed exams will be graded zero unless a legitimate reason with supporting documentation (medical slip, mechanic's receipt, etc.) is provided. If approved for a make up mid term test, it will be scheduled at the convenience of the instructor. If you miss the final term test you must formally apply through the University to be excused and be rescheduled.

Late papers will lose 5% per day to a maximum of 100% including non business days.

I will mark your term papers, Teaching Assistants may mark some of the short answer questions with a straightforward key. I will do my best to have your tests back within two weeks, and term paper marks posted by the final exam.

Appeals, Academic Regulations and Policies:

If you decide to appeal any of your marks, you must do so, in writing, within two weeks of having your assignment/exam returned (More information on appeals is in the University Calendar, A23-25). Academic misconduct will not be tolerated. Please make sure you know the rules (A21-22 in the Calendar).

General

Class discussion is an important feature of the learning experience. I try to run my classes in an interactive manner, and expect students to attend class and participate. All contributions, conservative, radical, or whatever, are welcome. Please take initiative to make sure your readings are done prior to class. Come see me if you are having difficulties.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

- Provisions can be made for students who may have a disability that may affect their access and ability to complete this course. You can talk to me about this, or contact the Coordinator at the Nathan Micay Resource Centre (786-9771). They are an excellent, confidential on-campus resource for students experiencing any difficulties.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Not all topics may be covered due to time constraints. Because of the myriad of things that can happen in a course, the class schedule may change from time to time

	DATES CLASS TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1	Introduction, Defining Victimology	Intro, Ch 1
Week 2	Rediscovering Crime Victims	Ch 1
Week 3	Gauging the Extent of Victimization	Ch 2
Week 4	Theories of Victimization	Ch 3 & 4
Week 5	Victims of Homicide	Ch 5
Week 6	Public & Private Victimization	Ch 9
	Mid-Term – lectures and readings to Oct 6, 2008	
Week 7	Effects of Victimization	Ch 11
Week 8	Victims and Criminal/Civil Systems	CH 12
	Final day to drop without academic penalty.	
Week 9	Indigenous Victims	Ch 7
Week 10	Vulnerable Populations	Ch 8
Week 11	Fear of Crime	*Weinrath, Clarke & Forde, on WebCT
Week 12	New Approaches to Crime Victims	Ch 13
	Final Term Test	