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General Syllabus
CRJU 39273 Victimology

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examination of the interface between victims and the various components of the criminal justice system. Topics include the history of the victim's rights movement, victim prevention and victim assistance programs, victimization patterns and trends, victim interaction with law enforcement, victim rights and remedies in the court system, and victim roles under the correctional system.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze the history of victims' rights in the United States.
2. Examine the evolution of victims' rights in America.
3. Investigate the future of victims' rights in America.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas.

Analytical Skills
Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify victims' problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)
Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics of victims rights.

Ethical Decision Making
Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas dealing with victims' rights and processes and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives
Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own**.**

III. Major Course Topics

A. History of the field of victimology
B. The state and quantity of victimization in the U.S.
C. Governments' response to help victims.