

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: CJ 218 Victimology

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: RD 100, EN 060

Description:

A study of victimization, including the relationships between victims and offenders, the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system, and the connections between victims and other societal groups and institutions.

Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize that crime victims make up half the crime equation
- Examine the major theoretical explanations of criminal victimization
- Demonstrate an awareness of the history and development of the crime victims' rights movement in the United States
- Evaluate the impact of criminal victimization on primary victims, secondary victims and the larger community

Topical Outline:

- The scope of victimology
- Measuring criminal victimization
- Explaining victimization
- The costs of victimization
- Remediating the financial impact of victimization
- Remediating the non-financial impact of victimization
- Victim rights
- Traditional crimes
- Sexual battery
- Intimate partner violence
- Child maltreatment
- Crime and the elderly
- Hate crime
- Victimization at work and school

Text: Doerner, William G.. *Victimology* (7th ed.). Routledge-Taylor & Francis Group.

Student Assessment: Assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Note: If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) **BEFORE** withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.