



CLASS SYLLABI

Victimology

SEMESTER: Fall – 2009
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Department & Number: CJ – 385

Title of Course: Victimology

Lecture Hours: 3 hours weekly:
Tuesday and Thursday [9:25 AM to 10:40 AM]

Course Description: An analysis of the criminal justice system of the United States in regard to philosophies of violence in crime and violence toward victims. The problems of current theories in criminology, handling of offenders and victims within the criminal justice system, future conjecture concerning violence within society, and the rights of victims will be stressed.

TEXT: [The Victims of Crime](#) by Robert A. Jerin and Laura J. Moriarty (2010),
Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall

Course Rationale: The purpose of this course is to exam the theories, philosophies, functions, and handling of violence and victims within the criminal justice system of the United States. This course will give the students knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system as it relates to violence and victim rights. The course will help develop the student's ability to understand ethical values relating to crime and criminal investigations, and to make social and leadership decisions in the criminal justice system.

Course Goals: The goals of this course are:

1. to increase the student's understanding of the criminal justice system
2. to help the student's understand the problems of the victims of crime
3. to help the student's understand the problems of the workers in the criminal justice system
4. to achieve an understanding of the differences between violence and violence within a crime
5. to gain knowledge as to the theories of criminology and the problems presented due to the theories and philosophies relating to violence and victims
6. to gain knowledge as to the theories of victimology and the problems presented due to these theories
7. introduce the students to the difficulties encountered when attempting to make decisions within the criminal justice system.

Course Competencies & Performance Indicators:

After successful completion of this course the student will:

1. know the difference between violence and violence within a criminal act
2. know the terms for social violence and criminal violence
3. understand the different criminological theories and philosophies relating to violence and victims
4. know the meaning of victimization
5. be aware of the differences in handling of violent offenders in various locations of the United States
6. understand the difficulties of enforcing social behavior as to violence.

Course Requirements {obligation of student}

1. Class attendance and participation:
 - Every student is expected to attend all class meetings and participate in class discussion, role-play, or other activities.
 - *Read attendance policy in this syllabus.*
2. Written examinations:
 - Quizzes, midterms, and one final exam combining multiple choice, true/false, fill in, and/or essay questions.
3. Term paper:
 - One paper will be assigned during the semester. Topics will be discussed and assigned during the semester.
4. Students are to wait until at *least 10 minutes* after the start of class time before dismissing self, *if no instructor*.

Office Hours:

Monday and Friday 10:00 - 11:00 AM, and 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 AM, and 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 9:20 AM, and 12:15 - 1:30 PM

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- THE COLLEGE HAS ESTABLISHED AN ATTENDANCE POLICY THAT INDICATES IF A PERSON HAS MISSED MORE THAN 50% OF THE CLASS MEETINGS AT ANY GIVEN POINT, THE STUDENT MAY BE DISMISSED FROM THE CLASS AND POSSIBLY THE COLLEGE
- PLEASE READ AND NOTE THE INSTRUCTOR'S ATTENDANCE POLICY IN THE GRADING SECTION OF THESE SYLLABI

Students with Disabilities

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact your instructor immediately.

After you have presented documentation, reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

Student Code of Conduct

It shall be the responsibility of every student enrolled at Missouri Valley College to support the academic integrity of the institution. This applies to personal honesty in all aspects of collegiate work, all student records, and all contacts with faculty and staff. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.

It shall also be the responsibility of every student enrolled at Missouri Valley College to be respectful of the right of other students, staff, and instructors to ensure a safe, peaceful atmosphere conducive to the educational goals of an institution of higher learning. Rude or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

Student actions that do not adhere to the MVC Student Code of Conduct will be addressed according to College policies regarding academic dishonesty and disruptive behavior. Students who exhibit dishonest, disruptive, or disrespectful behavior risk suspension or expulsion from the institution.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Students are expected to be prepared and to do their own work.
- The two midterms and final exam will have some material that will only be covered in lectures.
- The quizzes may or may not include questions from lectures.
- All quizzed may be unannounced and may be given at any time during the class.
- Make-up exams, except the final, may be permitted at the discretion of the instructor, and will be handled on each individual case.
- Any student requesting discussion of problems with the class, shall make arrangements with the instructor and said discussions will be other than the class time.
- Students will **not** wear hats in the classroom.
- Students are **not** to use any tobacco products in the classroom.
- **Cell phones** are to be **turned off** while class is in session.
{Violation of this rule may result in the cell phone being confiscated, the student being asked to leave the class for the rest of the period and getting an "F" for the day. Continued violation of this rule may result in the student being expelled from the class for the remainder of the semester}

Method of Evaluation:

Grading:

Five unexcused absences, maximum grade is a C

Eight unexcused absences, maximum grade is a D

Ten unexcused absences, maximum grade is an F

Attendance & Participation	100 points
Quizzes (10 points each)	100 points (subject to change)
1 st Midterm	100 points
2 nd Midterm	100 points
Term Paper	100 points
Final Exam	<u>200 points</u>
<i>Total possible points</i>	700 points

Grades:

A 647 – 700 points	(92½ - 100 %)
B 591 – 646 points	(84½ - 92 %)
C 535 – 590 points	(76½ - 84 %)
D 479 – 534 points	(68½ - 76 %)
F 478 points and below	(68 % and below)

{If any changes in grade evaluations are made during the semester, they will be discussed with the class}

Course Outline:

The following is the proposed schedule; however this may change as the term progresses.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignments</u>
1.	08 – 25, 27	Introduction of instructor and students. Outline of class. The victims of crime: an overview.	Syllabi Pages 1 - 22
2.	09 – 01, 03	Crime victimization: Statistics, Theories, and Victimology.	Pages 23 - 39
3.	09 – 08, 10	Crime prevention.	Pages 40 - 60
4.	09 – 15, 17	Crime victims and law enforcement.	Pages 61 - 78
5.	09 – 22, 24	Crime victims and the courts.	Pages 79 - 100
6.	09 – 29 > 10 – 01 >>	Crime victims, corrections, and restorative justice. First Major Test	Pages 101 - 120
7.	10 – 06, 08	Sexual victimization.	Pages 121 - 139
8.	10 – 13, 15 ☑ ☑ ☑ 10 – 16	Intimate partner violence. Extra Credit for Term papers turned in by this date.	Pages 140 - 163
9.	10 – 20, 22	Children as victims.	Pages 164 - 185
10.	10 – 27, 29	Victimization of the elderly.	Pages 186 - 201
11.	11 – 03, 05 ☑ ☑ ☑ 11 – 06	Economic victimizations. Term Papers Due	Pages 202 - 221
12.	11 – 10 ➔ ➔ 11 – 12	Hate crimes and special populations. <u>Second Midterm</u>	Pages 222 - 236
13.	11 – 17, 19	Mass violence.	Pages 237 - 260
14.	11 – 24 ✂ ✂ 11 – 26, 27	Mass violence, cont. <i>No Classes, Thanksgiving Break</i>	Pages 237 - 260
15.	12 – 01, 03	International victimization, assistance, and the future for The victims of crimes.	Pages 261 - 279
16.	12 – 08	Review	
17.	12 – 09 to 12 ⇌ ⇌	Finals Week Final Exam. Thursday, December 10, 2003 at 1000 hours.	

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