



**MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

CRJ 254 Victimology

Course Information

Division: Humanities/ Social Science

Contact Hours 45

Credit Hours 3

Prerequisites

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description

This course looks into the criminal justice system from the perspective of often-overlooked participants—victims. It explores victim involvement in the criminal justice system, the impact of crime on victims, and new directions in victimology and victim assistance. With an emphasis on advocacy, intervention, and restoration, this course examines real issues and barriers in the criminal justice system for victims and offers a way forward for future criminal justice or other human service professionals.

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below

- A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and processes of the US Criminal Justice System
- B. Using critical thinking skills, develop and use problem solving skills in a variety of situations
- C. Understand criminal law both substantive and procedural, criminological concepts and the study of crime and criminality.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to

- 1. Explain the part the victim plays in the Criminal Justice System.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
- 2. Discuss the extent of victimization and how those numbers are reached
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

3. Discuss the dynamics of the relationships victims have with members of the criminal justice system.

-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

4. Explain the fundamental and legal rights a victim has in the Criminal Justice System.

-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

5. Explain what is meant by special victims and how we handle their situations differently.

-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

6. Discuss the practical and ethical problems in dealing with victims.

- Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F

Victimology

- I. What is Victimology?
 - A. Victim Focused
 - B. Scientific Study
 - C. Objective
 - D. Sources of Bias
 - E. Victimology v Criminology
 - F. Why study?
- II. Discovering Crime Victims
 - A. History
 - B. Finding new victims
 - C. Rediscovery Process
- III. Victimization in the United States
 - A. Statistics
 - B. Data Sources
 - 1. UCR
 - 2. NCVS
 - C. Specific Crimes
- IV. Victims of Interpersonal Crimes: Theft and Violence
 - A. Questions
 - B. Murders
 - C. Robberies
 - D. Burglaries
 - E. Theft
 - 1. Personal Property
 - 2. Motor Vehicles
 - 3. Identity
 - F. Predicting Outcomes
- V. Controversy over Shared Responsibility
 - A. Victim Contribution
 - B. Repeat/ Chronic Victims
 - C. Spectrum of Responsibility
 - D. Blaming
 - 1. Victim Blaming
 - 2. Victim Defending
 - E. Facilitation
 - F. Precipitation
 - G. Provocation
- VI. Victims and the Police
 - A. Interactions: Cooperation or Conflict?
 - B. What do Victims Want?
 - 1. Make them Suffer
 - 2. Get them Treatment

3. Restitution
- C. Victims and the Police
 1. Reporting Incidents
 2. Rapid Response
 3. Handling Victims
 4. Challenging the Victim's Version of Events
 5. Investigation
 6. Arresting Suspects
- VII. Victim's Rights and the Criminal Justice System
 - A. Adult versus Juvenile System
 - B. Formal Legal Rights
 - C. Victims and Prosecutors
 - D. Victim and Defense Attorney
 - E. Victims and Judges
 - F. Victims and Juries
 - G. Victims and Corrections
 - H. Justice?
- VIII. Victimized Children
 - A. Maximalist v. Minimalist
 - B. Missing Children
 - C. Child Abuse
 - D. Children in the Legal Proceedings
 - E. Additional Forms of Child Exploitation
 - F. Proactive v Reactive Approach
- IX. Domestic Violence
 - A. Family Violence
 - B. "Wife Beating"
 - C. Dating Violence
 - D. Victim Provocation
 - E. Other Victims
 - F. Prevention
- X. Victims of Sexual Assaults
 - A. Social Reaction
 - B. Plight of Rape Victims
 - C. Consequences of being Sexually Assaulted
 - D. Controversies of Shares Responsibility
 - E. Prevalence and Seriousness
 - F. Differential Risk Factors
 - G. How does CJ System Handle the Victims of Sexual Assault?
 - H. Emergency Assistance
 - I. Approaches to Reducing Sexual Assault
- XI. Victims with Special Problems
 - A. Stalking

- B. School Crimes
- C. Workplace Violence
- D. Hate Crimes
- E. Prison Violence
- F. Law Enforcement Victims
- G. Terrorism
- XII. Repaying Victims
 - A. Cost of Victimization
 - B. Gaining Restitution
 - C. Civil Judgements
 - D. Insurance Reimbursements
 - E. Victim Compensation Programs
 - F. Notorious Criminal Confiscation
- XIII. Victims of the Future
 - A. Defensive Responses
 - 1. Use of Force
 - 2. Arming
 - 3. Justifiable Homicide
 - B. Restorative Justice
 - 1. History
 - 2. How it works
 - 3. Evaluations
 - 4. Victim Perspective