



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PSY-235	Victimology	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
PSY-110	Social Sciences	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Dr Stavroula Soukara	2 nd - 4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

This course provides an introduction to criminal victimization via an overview of current theory, research, and trends within the context of specific victimization types. The focus is on the psychology of victims and the social context of victimization, and various types of victimization are examined including violent, sexual, psychological, child abuse and domestic partner abuse. Emphasis is given on the impact of crime on victims and society, the role of victims within the criminal justice system, specific remedies, and victim rights and services.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Explain the psychology and typology of victims
2. Appreciate tools to assist victims
3. Recognize that crime victims make up half the crime equation and they are of utmost importance
4. Understand and integrate major theoretical explanations of criminal victimization
5. Interpret and define the social construction of victimization in modern society
6. Become familiar with the common psychological effects of trauma and the most common mental health diagnoses found in persons who experience victimization.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Victimology
2. The Psychology of Victims
3. The Typology of Victimization
4. Measuring Victimization
5. Personal Victimization
6. Sexual Victimization
7. Intimate Partner Violence
8. Child Maltreatment
9. Victimization at Work
10. Victimization at School
11. Costs of Victimization
12. Media and Victimology

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions, Practical Exercises

Assessment Methods:

Exams, Assignments

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Victimology, 6 E	Doerner, W.G. and Lab, S.B.	Anderson	2011	978- 1437734867

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Victims, Crime and Society	Greer, Chris Francis, Peter Davies, Pamela	SAGE	2007	978- 1412907606

Victimology: The Essentials	Leah E. Daigle	SAGE	2012	978- 1452258393
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