

Module Title: Victimology

Module Description: This module provides a comprehensive examination of victimology, focusing on the study of victims and their experiences within the criminal justice system. Students will explore the impact of crime on victims, the role of victims in the criminal justice process, and the various forms of victimization.

Module Content:

1. Introduction to Victimology

- Definition and scope of victimology
- Historical development of victimology
- Theoretical perspectives on victimization

2. Types of Victimization

- Personal victimization (e.g., assault, robbery, domestic violence)
- Property victimization (e.g., theft, vandalism)
- Emotional and psychological victimization

3. The Impact of Victimization

- Physical, emotional, and financial consequences of victimization
- Secondary victimization and revictimization
- Coping mechanisms and resilience in victims

4. Victims' Rights and Services

- Evolution of victims' rights in the criminal justice system
- Victim compensation and support services
- Restitution and restoration for victims

5. Victim-Offender Relationship

- Dynamics of victim-offender interaction
- The role of forgiveness and reconciliation in victim-offender relationships
- Restorative justice approaches to addressing the needs of victims

6. Global Perspectives on Victimology

- Cross-cultural differences in victimization
- International responses to victimization
- Human rights and victim protection

Assessment: Students will be assessed through written assignments, case studies, and class discussions. They will analyze the impact of victimization, evaluate victims' rights and services, and propose strategies to improve victim support within the criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Describe the different types of victimization and their impact on individuals and communities
- Evaluate the role of victims in the criminal justice process and the services available to them
- Analyze the dynamics of victim-offender relationships and the potential for restorative justice
- Propose policies and practices to enhance victim support and protection