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 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED (six years after UEC approval): June 2032
 Course outline form version: 26/01/2024

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CRIM 419		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)													
Course Full Title: Victimology Course Short Title: Victimology															
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department/School: Criminology and Criminal Justice													
Calendar Description: Introduces victimology's theories and key concepts, including the study of various forms of victimization, the risk of victimization, the experience of victims of crime, the rights of victims, and the impact of various forms of victimization and associated trauma.															
Prerequisites (or NONE):		60 university-level credits including 9 credits of 100- or 200-level CRIM.													
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None.													
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None.													
Antirequisite Courses <i>(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)</i> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>		Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: No <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Annually Maximum enrolment (for information only): 27													
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture/seminar</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total hours</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture/seminar	45									Total hours	45	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR is available for this course.	
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: ☒ No ☐ Yes		Transfer Credit <i>(See bctransferguide.ca.)</i> Transfer credit already exists: Yes Submit outline for (re)articulation: Yes <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>													
Department approval		Date of meeting: February 17, 2026													
Faculty Council approval		Date of meeting: April 10, 2026													
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: June 19, 2026													

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Critically analyze the contribution of victimology to our current understanding of victims of crime, their experience of victimization, and the nature of their contacts with the criminal justice system.
2. Apply victimological theory to the study of complex forms of victimization.
3. Evaluate trends in victimization patterns in Canada and internationally.
4. Articulate how Indigenous, other racialized, marginalized, and vulnerable groups are exposed to varying degrees of victimization risks.
5. Explain how individuals and groups make successful social and legal claims to victimhood.
6. Discuss the inequality in recognition of victim status.
7. Critique how the rights of victims of crime are defined and protected, nationally and internationally.
8. Compare the relative effectiveness of policies and programs implemented in Canada and abroad for supporting victims.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting *(Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.)*

Final exam:	25%	Assignments:	75%	%
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Details:

Assignments may include participation activities, online discussion posts and responses, case studies, term papers, critical thought papers, and presentations.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Instructional Methods *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures, guest lectures, group discussion, self-reflections, practical in-class exercises

Texts and Resource Materials *(Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Wemmers, J-A M	Victimology: A Canadian Perspective (University of Toronto Press)	2025
2. Online resource	Perreault, S.	Victimization of First Nations People, Metis and Inuit in Canada (Statistics Canada)	2022
3. Textbook	Scott, H.	Victimology: Canadians in Context (Oxford University Press)	2025
4. Online resource	Department of Justice, Government of Canada	Canadian Victims Bill of Rights, S.C. 2015, c.13, s.2	2015
5. Online resource	Cotter, A.	Criminal Victimization in Canada, 2019 (Statistics Canada)	2021

Course Content and Topics

- Introduction to victimology, history of victimology, and victimology's links to criminology
- Evolution of the notion of crime victim
- Legal definitions of victims and forms of victimization
- Victimization surveys and the strengths and limitations of victimization surveys
- Criminological theories about victimization
- Victimization of Indigenous Peoples and other racialized groups in Canada
- Victimization of marginalized and vulnerable groups in Canada
- Risk factors associated with victimization and strategies to prevent victimization
- Trauma-informed approaches and responding to complex trauma in victims
- Developmental victimology and the impact of adverse childhood experiences
- Victims' rights as codified in legislation and policies (e.g., the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights; the United Nations Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power)
- Victims' needs, victim assistance, and supports for victims of crime in Canada
- Types of victimization and their impact on victims
- Elements of effective responses to different types of victimization
- Victim participation in the criminal justice process and available criminal and civil remedies for victims of crime
- Victim protection and accommodations in matters involving child victims and witnesses of crime in Canada
- Resilience and recovery from victimization