

CRJU 4430/02 VICTIMOLOGY CRN 81663

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FRIDAYS, 1400-1645 hours
Final Exam Date: 07 Dec
Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty: OCT 12
Syllabus and PowerPoint Slides are available on GeorgiaVIEW Vista

Course Prerequisites

Students must complete these courses prior to attempting this learning: CrJu 1101, Foundations of Criminal Justice or Soci 2201 Principles of Sociology. Student must be aware this is a SENIOR level Criminal Justice course. Cumulative learning from other criminal justice courses will enhance the performance in this course.

Course Description

This course is an overview of the basic concepts of criminal victimization, including society's response to victims and their problems.

Course Objectives

1. Define and explain the history of victimology.
2. Explain how victims enter the criminal justice system.
3. Construct a victim profile.
4. Detail how the victim is an extension of the crime scene.
5. List requirements for a thorough victimology.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of victim lifestyle and situational exposure.
7. Explain behaviors of intimate violence.
8. Examine victim stalking.
9. Review victims of workplace violence, school violence, stranger violence, and sexual offenders.
10. Demonstrate an understanding of false allegations of crime and wrongful convictions.

Required Text

Turvey, B. and Petherick, W. (2009). *Forensic Victimology: Examining Violent Crime Victims in Investigative and Legal Contexts*, San Diego, CA: Academic Press.
ISBN: 978-0-12-374089-2.

Course Requirements

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL CLASS PERIODS.

Failure to attend 8-hours of class will result in a letter grade drop. Missing more will lower the grade more!

Students complete two examinations and one research paper.

Exam One- Includes Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8.

Final Exam- Includes Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Weather- *If the weather prevents us from meeting, follow the syllabus schedule and continue your reading and profile preparation. Check the KSU web site and listen to local radio. The Bottom Line: Use common sense; I do not want anyone hurt. Safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility.*

Grading

Your final grade will reflect your performance on the examinations, your research paper, your class participation, and attendance. Your final score is calculated using the following guide:

Mid-Term Exam	33%	28 SEP
Victim Risk Assessment	33%	19 OCT
Final Exam	33%	07 DEC

Research papers (Reports of Investigation, Victim Risk Assessments, and Threshold Assessments) are graded using the following format:

A= 95 (Outstanding)

B= 85 (Excellent)

C= 75 (Satisfactory)

D= 65 (Unsatisfactory, but passing)

F= 0-59 (Failing)

Class Activities

Class time will be devoted to discussion, lecture, one-minute or five-minute essays, assignments, and reviews. Guest lecturers and films are a part of the course and exam questions may be taken from the information. *Changing circumstances may lead to adjustments in course assignments and scheduling.*

Laptop Computers are NOT allowed in my classroom unless you have a documented learning disability! Disrespecting me and my guest speakers by playing on your laptop and sending emails, checking the Braves score, or checking the latest shoe sale at DSW will not be tolerated! Bluetooth Devices must be removed. **Text during breaks, but not in the classroom. IF you insist on texting during class, you will be asked to leave.**

Victim Risk Analysis (Research/Writing Requirement)

The research and writing requirement is based on your examination and analysis of a crime victim in the form of a victim risk assessment.

The learning goal in completing this paper is to determine your erudition from this course by an in-depth case study of a crime victim. Your research details your findings and analysis. Your assessment is turned in **19 OCT 2012**. If a paper is late, the grade will be lowered, possibly as much as one letter grade or more. Papers are to be turned in HARD COPY. Students are assigned a victim/case for research.

Victim Assignments

1. Elizabeth Smart
2. JonBenet Ramsey
3. Laci Petersen
4. Chandra Levy
5. Caylee Anthony
6. Richard Jewell
7. Terri Schiavo

Your victim risk analysis / threat assessment details YOUR findings by combining the requirements for an ideographic victim profile, a victim risk determination, and a threat assessment. The goal is to determine how the victim became a victim and actions that can be taken to ensure this type of case is not repeated. Your paper should include an introduction/case overview, the victim's history, a time-line of the incident, the victim risk (lifestyle and situational), the offender history, risk, and MO (if known or suspected), the victim-offender relationship, the incident specifics, and prevention, tactics, techniques, and procedures to lessen the chances of this type of incident happening again.

Use the APA writing style. Use a 12-point Times New Roman font. Late papers are penalized. Use the KSU Writing Center for assistance. Peer reviews are encouraged. Students are awarded 1 point per KSU Writing Center mentoring session, up to 10 points. Each mentoring session is expected to be a minimum of 20 minutes. *The points are added to the grade of the final exam.* **The cover page of your assessment must include the following information: Name, KSU Number, Class (CrJu 4430) Fall 2012, and the TURNITIN.COM paper identification number.**

Victim Risk Analysis / Threat Assessments are scored based on:

Quality of research
Critical Thinking and Logical Arguments
Physical Evidence and Behavioral Evidence Assessment
Quality of presentation in the written form
Compliance with requirements of the research guide

Students with Disabilities

Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments must notify me as soon as possible. Verification from KSU disabled Student Support Services is required. All discussions will remain confidential.

Plagiarism and Cheating

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). Unless specifically authorized, the presence and/or use of electronic devices during an examination, quiz, or other class assignment is considered cheating. Engaging in any behavior which a professor prohibits as academic misconduct in the syllabus or in class discussion is cheating. When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. No student may submit the same, or substantially the same, paper or other assignment for credit in more than one class without the prior permission of the current professor(s). (<https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct>)

Academic Honesty

The Undergraduate Catalog contains the general policies, regulations of student life and provides the Academic Honesty policy. I advise you to read and follow the academic policy. If you do not understand plagiarism, you need to read the definition. Plagiarism results in a grade of 0. The Bottom Line: Do the right thing!

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs. Section II of the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities addresses the University's policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an "informal" resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities minimum one semester suspension requirement.

Class Schedule

17 AUG

1400 Introductions
1500 Discuss Chapter 1
1645 Dismissal. Assignment: Read Chapters 1,2,3,5,6 and 8

24 AUG

1400 Discuss Chapter 2
1530 Discuss Chapter 3
1645 Dismissal

31 AUG

1400 Discuss Chapter 5
1530 Discuss Chapter 6
1645 Dismissal

07 SEP

1400 Review Chapters 2,3,5,6
1600 Film: New Media Coverage of Crime and Victimization
1645 Dismissal

14 SEP

1400 CJCC: Ms. Stephanie Lopez-Howard and Ms. Dannielle Lewis
1545 Cobb Victim Witness Assistance Office – Ms. Susan Stern
1645 Dismissal

21 SEP

1400 911 Operators and Victims: Director Tony Wheeler, Cobb County E911

1645 Dismissal

28 SEP

1400 Mid-Term Exam

1530 Film: Stalking...Real Fear, Real Crime

1645 Dismissal. Assignment: Read Chapters 9 through 14.

05 OCT

1400 Review Mid-Term Exam

1500 Discuss Case and Victim Risk Assessment

1530 SJV Associates: YOU as the VICTIM...Social Media

1645 Dismissal

12 OCT

1400 Discuss Chapter 9

1530 Discuss Chapter 10

1645 Dismissal

19 OCT **VICTIM RISK ASSESSMENT DUE**

1400 Turn in Research Paper

1430 Discuss Chapter 11

1645 Dismissal

26 OCT

1400 Workplace Violence: Cobb County Assistant DA Van Pearlberg

1530 Discuss Chapter 12

1645 Dismissal

02 NOV

1400 Child Victims: Ms. Mary Beth Brush, GA Center for Child Advocacy

1530 Discuss Chapter 13

1645 Dismissal

09 NOV

1400 Return and Discuss Victim Risk Assessments

1530 Film: Vicap

1645 Dismissal

16 NOV

1400 Discuss Chapter 14

1530 Review for Final Exam

1645 Dismissal

30 NOV

1400 Film

1530 Review for Final Exam

1645 Dismissal

07 DEC FINAL EXAM

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Victim Risk Assessment

1. *Paper must be a minimum of 1500 words.*
2. *Paper must have a minimum of four sources.*
3. *Paper should be prepared using APA style; printed front and back; one-staple in the top left corner; printed front and back.; and 3-hole punched for notebook storage.*
4. *Use the KSU Writing Center for assistance. Peer reviews are encouraged. Students are awarded 1 point per KSU Writing Center mentoring session, up to 10 points. Each mentoring session is expected to be a minimum of 20 minutes. The points are added to the grade of the final exam.*
5. *Papers must be submitted to turnitin.com to determine originality. An Original Printed copy must be turned in "in hard copy" on the due date.*

TURNITIN.Com Information and Directions

Research papers for CrJu 4430 must be submitted to www.turnitin.com to determine originality and prevent plagiarism. This is not an option, it is required. Papers will not be accepted unless evaluated by the professor in Turnitin.

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Enrollment Password: Patriots33 (case sensitive)
Class ID Number: 5120888

Students must self-enroll by creating a user profile, using the class ID number, and class enrollment password. Papers are accepted by Turnitin in the following file types: Microsoft Word (doc and docx); Corel WordPerfect; HTML; Adobe PostScript; Plain Text (TXT); Rich Text (RTF); Portable Document Format (PDF).

Originality Report. The Originality Report (OR) provides a summary of matching or highly similar text found in a submitted paper. If quoted or bibliographic information is found in the paper to be similar or matching another source, it can be removed from the OR. Plagiarism is determined by the professor.

HARD COPY of paper is required in accordance with the class syllabus.

Students are encouraged to use the video tutorials found at the turnitin website. Enroll as soon as possible.