

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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CRJU 4430/01 VICTIMOLOGY

3 Class Hours 0 Laboratory Hours 3 Credit Hours

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Thursday Online  
Social Science Room 3030  
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Text:

Daigle, L.E. (2012) *Victimology: A Text/Reader*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Course Description:

An overview of the basic concepts of criminal victimization, including society's response to victims and their problems.

Prerequisite: CRJU 1101 or SOCI 1101

Learning Outcomes:

This class is designed to be an upper-level seminar in which information in various forms will be presented and discussed by both the instructor and students. The contemporary criminal justice system is largely focused on the offender. In recent years, more attention has been given to the victim. The study of victimology is largely devoted to understanding the unique experience of crime victims. As such, victimology focuses on the causes of victimization, the experience of different types of victimization, and the role of the victim in the criminal justice system. In this course, we will discuss theoretical explanations of victimization as well as controversial issues within the field of victimology. Through active participation in class, the goals of the course include:

- 1) Increasing knowledge regarding the amount and different types of victimization
- 2) Developing an understanding of the etiology of victimization
- 3) Identifying and examining a range of controversial topics surrounding the study of crime victims
- 4) Examining personal accounts of victimization and how the criminal justice system responds to victimization events
- 5) Developing critical thinking skills through the assessment and evaluation of course readings
- 6) Improving communication skills through formal presentations and participation in class discussions

Note Regarding Student Learning Outcomes: Each student is different than the next. Depending on several factors outside of the instructor's control (including individual student proficiencies, study habits, and contextual factors), individual student's success in achieving these outcomes may vary.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Regular class attendance is expected. Students are expected to stay for the entire class time. Excessive tardiness or early departures will be counted as absences. Students are permitted three absences. Students will have their final grade reduced by one full letter grade for each absence thereafter, regardless of the reason for their absence. Students who miss six or more classes will receive an automatic failure for the course.

**Students are solely responsible for managing their enrollment status in a course; nonattendance does not constitute a withdrawal.**

- 2) Midterm Exam (50% of grade) – There will be a midterm exam. The midterm will cover material from in class lectures and discussions, videos, handouts, and the textbook.
- 3) Online Discussion (50% of grade) – Class discussion will largely take place online using D2L’s course discussion board. Each week, 1 discussion question will be posted (totaling 14 questions). Students will comprise an original response to each question. Responses should be no more than 250 words. You must respond to a minimum of 10 discussion questions. Each question response will be scored out of 5 points, for a possible total of 50 points.

**The instructor will make every effort to return all assignments within one week of their due date.**

GRADING:

The final grade will be assigned as a letter grade, based on the following scale:

A	= 90-100
B	= 80-89
C	= 70-79
D	= 60-69
F	= 0-59

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Please familiarize yourself with the following university policies:

Academic Honesty/Integrity Statement

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

Confidentiality and Privacy Statement (FERPA)

<http://enrollmentservices.kennesaw.edu/training/ferpa.php>

University – Student Rights Statement

<http://catalog.kennesaw.edu/content.php?catoid=27&navoid=2263>

Ethics Statement

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

Sexual Harassment Statement

<http://scai.kennesaw.edu/codes.php>

Course Accessibility Statement (ADA statement)

<http://sss.kennesaw.edu/sds/institutional-policies.php>

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## INSTRUCTOR'S CLASS POLICIES

Check DESIRE2LEARN/Brightspace often. Class cancellations and any important announcements will be posted there.

Absences will only be excused when a valid excuse is accompanied and corroborated by sufficient documentation.

If you miss a class, it is **your** responsibility to get with a classmate to find out what you missed, copy notes, check for any missed announcements, etc. Please do not expect to be provided a private lecture.

No cell phones, laptops, iPads, MP3 players, etc. are allowed in class. All of these devices should be turned to silent or vibrate and stored properly away. If you need to answer a call or text, please quietly step outside. If you have to be asked to store your device more than twice, you will receive an automatic failure for the course.

You are expected to follow the Kennesaw State University's Student Code of Conduct at all times. In addition, side conversations are disruptive and will not be tolerated. Frequent repeat violations will result in the automatic failure for the course.

**You are expected to treat fellow students and the instructor with respect. Yelling, name calling, or other aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and will result in automatic failure of the course. The instructor reserves the right to further engage the university's Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.**

No extra credit will be afforded to individuals above and beyond opportunities presented to the entire class. If extra credit is offered at a time when you are unavailable, special provision will not be made.

Final Grades are **NOT** negotiable. Rather than waiting until the end of the term, you should be concerned about losing HOPE, other financial assistance, or eligibility for club sports or athletics from the onset of the course. If you think there has been a legitimate mistake, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Important Dates and Deadlines:**

Last day to withdraw: October 5<sup>th</sup>

Fall Break: November 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Midterm Exam: October 13<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Class: December 1<sup>st</sup>

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic/Reading Assignment</u>
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome & Syllabus / Defining Victimization
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 1
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Introduction to Victimology (Daigle Sec. 1)
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 2
August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Measurement & Extent of Victimization (Daigle Sec. 2, pp. 14-19)
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Online Discussion 3
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Theories of Victimization (Daigle Sec. 2 pp, 19-27)
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 4
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Theories of Victimization Cont.
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 5
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Consequences of Victimization (Daigle Sec. 3 pp. 71-85)
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Online Discussion 6
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Consequences of Vic Readings 2 & 3 (Daigle pp. 101-115)
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 7
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Victim's Rights & Services (Daigle Sec. 4 pp. 116-130)
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 8
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Catch-Up & Review
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MIDTERM (ONLINE)</b>

October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sexual Victimization (Daigle Sec. 5)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 9
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Intimate Partner Violence (Daigle Sec. 6)
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 10
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Victimization at the Beginning and End of Life (Daigle Sec. 7)
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Online Discussion 11
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Victimization of Special Populations (Daigle Sec. 8)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 12
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Property and Identity Theft Victimization (Daigle Sec. 10)
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Online Discussion 13
<b>November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>FALL BREAK ☺</b>
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FALL BREAK ☺</b>
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Victims of Hate Crimes, Human Trafficking, & Terrorism (Daigle Sec. 11)
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Online Discussion 14 / Last Day of Class

This course syllabus provides a general plan for the course and is for planning purposes only. It is tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. However, every effort will be made to keep changes to a minimum.