

CCJC 360: Victimology
Fall 2007
Wednesday 9:30am-12:15pm
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Course Description

Participants will be introduced to the crime victim as part of our larger society and as part of the criminal justice system. Students will develop an understanding of the role of victimology as a social science; the psychological impact of crime on the victim; the victim's role in the criminal justice system; the financial impact of the crime on the victim; the victim's rights in the criminal justice system and in society; and the future of criminal justice and social policy as they relate to victims.

Required Reading

Karmen, A. (2007). Crime Victims: An Introduction to Victimology (Sixth Edition). City: Wadsworth Publishing.

Cummins, Jeanine. (2004) A Rip in Heaven. New York, NY: Penguin Books.

Sebold, Alice. (2002). Lucky. Philadelphia, PA: Little Brown & Company.

Class Schedule and Assignments

Date	Topic	Assignment
August 29	Review Syllabus and Course Expectations Introduction to Victimology	
September 5	History of Crime Victims Statistics and Crime	Karmen: Ch. 1 & 2
September 12	Time Management Workshop Violent Crimes	Karmen: Ch 4
September 19	Psychology of Victimization	
September 26	Victims and the Criminal Justice	Karmen: Ch. 5, 6 & 7

	System	
October 3	Children as Victims	Karmen Ch 8
October 10	<i>A Rip in Heaven</i> – Class discussion	<i>A Rip in Heaven</i> by Jeanine Cummins
October 17	Mid-term	
October 24	<i>Lucky</i> – Class discussion Victims of Sexual Assault/Stalking Guest Speaker	Karmen Ch 10 <i>Lucky</i> - Alice Sebold
October 31	Domestic Violence Guest Speaker/Victim Advocacy	Karmen Ch 9
November 7	No Class - Independent time to work on paper.	
November 14	Human Trafficking Guest Speaker	Paper due.
November 21	No Class	
November 28	Hate Crimes Challenges of working with victims/Guest Speaker	
December 5	Review for Final Exam	

Grading Scale

Class Participation	10 points
Paper	20 points
Mid-term Exam	30 points
Final Exam	40 points

A= 90-100 points

B= 80-89 points

C= 70-79 points

D= 65-69 points

F= Below 64 points

Class Participation

Your attendance in class is expected. If you are going to be absent from the class, please contact me in advance when possible. My contact information is on the first page of this syllabus.

Given the topic of the course, there will be numerous opportunities for class discussions. Many of these discussions will be based on individual opinions on a specific topic. Personal points of view should be respected.

Students will not be penalized for missing class for religious observances. It is University policy that students "give the instructor a written notification of the projected absence within two weeks of the start of the semester."

Paper

All students are required to submit a paper. The paper is due on November 8. Each student is asked to write about a group that has been disenfranchised as victims and to state why. This paper can include some research on the topic, but mostly, I want to hear your opinion. Please make sure that the paper is grammatically correct (you will lose points if it is not). All quoted material should be referenced using the American Psychological Association (APA) official format. This paper should be 3-5 pages in length.

Mid-term Exam

Multiple choice and short answer based upon readings and class discussions.

Final Exam

Multiple choice and short answer based upon readings and class discussions.

Academic Integrity

All cases of academic misconduct will be referred to the Student Honor Council at UMCP. Examples of conduct meriting such disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) cheating on an exam, either with or without the assistance of another student or students, (2) submitting as your own work a paper that is either wholly or partially plagiarized, such as purchasing a paper from an internet site or superficially rewriting the work of others without proper citation, or (3) collaborating with fellow students on assignments or take-home exams for which you were instructed to work alone.

Cheating on any assignment or exam may result in the following disciplinary actions:

(1) "XF" (a "cheating F") will be the grade earned for the *course*, and (2) possible expulsion from the UMCP's B.A. Program in Criminology & Criminal Justice at the Universities at Shady Grove, effective the following semester.

Special Accommodations

If you have special academic needs please let me know after the first class meeting so that I can make the necessary accommodations for you.