

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE &
CRIMINOLOGY
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
CRIJ 3350.05
VICTIMOLOGY
SPRING 2018**

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Credit Hours: 3

Classroom: Online

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Always put "CRIJ 3396-05" in Subject Line when corresponding with me. In addition, please do not submit assignments by email unless first requested due to technological issues with Blackboard. I am teaching multiple courses, so this helps me know what class you are in.

Required Textbook:

Wallace, H. & Robertson, C. (2011). Victimology: Legal, Psychological, and Social Perspectives. 3rd edition. Pearson Publishing. ISBN 0135071577

Other readings: As assigned on SHSU Online.

Course Description:

Victimology is the scientific study of crime victims and focuses on the physical, emotional, and financial harm victims suffer due to crime. The purpose of this course is to examine victim-offender relationships, the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system, and the connections between victims and other institutions (such as the media, advocacy groups, and government). In exploring these connections, we will address the theory, research, legislation, and policy implications related to victimization. Students are expected to read assignments, use critical thinking skills, and be able to analyze and evaluate victimization issues.

At times, the issues raised in this course may be controversial and/or highly emotionally charged for some students. I ask and expect that every member of this class respect each person's position, regardless of your agreement or disagreement with a particular view. Students who become uncomfortable with particular topics are encouraged to talk with the professor or other professionals, such as the SHSU Counseling Center 936-294-1720 <http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/>; the SAAFE House (for sexual assault and intimate partner violence) 24-hour crisis line 936-291-3369 or 936-327-2513; the 24-hour national crisis hotline 1-800-659-6994; or the 24-hour national suicide hotline 1-800-273-8255. Students may also schedule counseling with the campus Psychological Services Center 936-294-1210 <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/psychology-and-philosophy/psychology/psychological-services-center/>

Course Objectives:

1. To gain **factual knowledge** about the study of crime victimization
2. To learn to **analyze and critically** evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view

Course Requirements:

This online course will be delivered via an education software called Blackboard. It is important that the students have a computer/laptop and internet connection that work properly. For the technical requirements and the specifics about how to get started in the online class, please refer to the website "*Online Student Orientation*" at <http://distance.shsu.edu/current-students/orientation.html>

The class material will be presented by using the pre-recorded audio-lectures along with the PowerPoint slides posted online. The length of audio-lectures varies depending on the complexity of the chapter content. Students are expected to listen to these lectures in each Session. Students are also expected to read the assigned readings, complete the assignments, and take the exams. When you have questions about the course content, feel free to email the instructor. In addition, On-line Discussion Board is set up for each session to build a vibrant learning community and to promote class interactions. Students' participation in class discussion is voluntary and will NOT be graded.

Students will be informed of the class updates, changes and new developments by means of mass emails and class announcements. It is important for the students to check the SHSU email accounts for the class updates on a frequent basis.

Grading:

Your grade will not be curved or bartered. It is recommended that you monitor your own progress. To protect your privacy, grades will not be discussed via phone, email, or anywhere other than in the professor's office.

A: 100-90% B: 89-80% C: 79-70% D: 69-60% F: <59

Exam: (60%) Two exams will be based on the course material. The exams will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions. The exams are designed to assess knowledge, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. The final exam must be completed May 8th by 11:59pm. While the exams are "open book" and students are permitted to use notes and the textbook, the exams are timed and it will be impossible to locate the answers without having read the material in advance. To do well on exams, students should view lectures and complete assigned reading before beginning the exam.

Discussions: (40%) Students will discuss points of interest from the course material each week. In an effort to facilitate meaningful discussions, students will be required to submit (1) "original posts" and (2) "replies" to other students' original posts:

(1) Original Posts (20%): Students will respond with an original post to a total of 10 discussions (each worth 2%, for a total of 20%). These are designed to promote critical thinking about a number of controversial victimization issues. Discussions will be based on lecture/text material, and must also incorporate supplemental material (such as related news articles, video clips). Each posting must be a meaningful contribution to the discussion (see instructions on blackboard). Original posts must be submitted before each **Wednesday at 11:59pm**. Late discussion posts will NOT be accepted.

(2) Replies (20%): Given that discussions work best when students contribute to other posts, students are also required to respond to two other student's original posts for each of the 10 weekly discussions (each worth 1%, for a total of 20%). Replies must be meaningful (see instructions on blackboard). Replies must be submitted before each **Sunday at 11:59pm**. Late replies will NOT be accepted.

It is very important to read all original posts and replies before posting so you do not repeat content. Do not attempt to stop a discussion, but rather move it forward. Be respectful of others who disagree with you. Additional instructions about original and reply discussion posts are available on the course website.

*****Therefore you MUST submit 1 original post and 2 reply posts per discussion!*****

Make-up Exams:

If an unavoidable conflict with one of the dates exists (e.g., medical situation, job interview, family-related emergency), please contact the instructor before the test is administered. Failure to take an exam on the scheduled dates without making prior arrangements will result in a ZERO on that exercise. Giving a deadline extension is at instructor's discretion with VALID excuse provided by students. The excuse must be written and appropriately documented.

Student Academic Policies:

Student Academic Policies concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

Use of telephones and text messages in academic classrooms and facilities:

Policies on the use of telephones and text messages in academic classrooms and facilities can be found at

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>

Technical:

This course requires regular access to the Internet, Microsoft Word, and Adobe PDF files. If you do not know how to use blackboard, or if you encounter technical difficulties with the course website, contact the DELTA Center 24/7 helpdesk (1-877-870-9214 or helpdesk@shsuonline.net)

Attendance:

Given that this course is entirely online, attendance will not be recorded or required. Please refer to the university's policy regarding absences for religious holy days at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/0953c7d0-7c04-4b29-a3fc-3bf0738e87d8.pdf>

Academic Dishonesty – DO NOT CHEAT!:

All students are required to do his or her own work in the class. This is not a group class, other than the discussions. To steal someone else's work, steal someone's words or ideas, submit duplicate copies of a paper, cheat on an examination (in this case two or more taking the exam at the same time side by side, or allow another to commit an act of academic dishonesty corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced and acts of or attempted acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. **I take academic dishonesty very seriously. Students who violate the academic honesty code will receive an F in the course.**

In accordance with *Academic Policy Statement 810213 (2006)*

5.3 Academic Honesty. The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action.

5.31 The University and its official representatives, acting in accordance with Subsection 5.32, may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

Other student academic policies concerning Attendance, Academic Dishonesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy Days may be found at <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

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Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

The university provides individualized support and accommodations for students with documented disabilities that affect their academic abilities (http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html). Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Counseling Center located at Lee Drain North Annex, 936.294.1720, TDD 936.294.3786 (<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>). I am happy to provide reasonable accommodations for students who register with the Counseling Center, and I ask that students inform me of any requests no later than the first week of the course.

Technical Support:

For questions about Blackboard or technical issues with videos, assignments, or tests, please contact SHSU Online Support Desk:

Technology Call Center:

Phone: (936) 294-2780

Toll Free: (877) 759-2232

Dedicated personnel available:

Monday – Friday – 24 hours

Saturday – 7:00am – Midnight CST

Sunday – 1:00pm – Midnight CST

E-mail: blackboard@shsu.edu

Chat & Twitter with the Support Desk:

online.shsu.edu

@SHSUOnline - Twitter

Withdrawals:

Students wishing to withdraw are cautioned to follow formal procedures outlined by the University. Consult the Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016 at <http://undergraduate-catalog-2014-2016.shsu.edu/home/index.html> for official policies under “tuition and fees refund policy” and “dropping courses.”

Final Exams:

The Final Exam schedule for Spring 2018 can be found at <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/registrar/calendars/final-exam-schedules.html>

Week	Dates (Mon-Sun)	Topic	Readings	Requirements	Due 11:59pm Central
First Week & Session 1	Welcome Session 1/17 – 1/21	Introduction/Welcome	Syllabus/Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduce yourself & Quiz	ALL Original posts are due by Wednesday and ALL reply posts are due by Sunday of each week.
	1/17 – 1/21	Chapter 1: Introduction & History	Chapter 1		
Session 2	1/22 – 1/28	Chapter 2: Measurement of Crime	Chapter 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #1 (Ch. 2)	
Session 3	1/29 – 2/4	Chapter 3: Consequences/Victimization February 1, 2018 – Last Day to Drop with a “Q” and Receive 100% Refund	Chapter 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #2 (Ch. 3)	
Session 4	2/5 – 2/11	Victim Blaming	NONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #3 (Victim Blaming Discussion)	
Session 5	2/12 – 2/18	Chapter 5: Homicide Victims	Chapter 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #4 (Ch. 5)	
Session 6	2/19 – 2/25	Chapter 6: Females as Victims	Chapter 6 Olga Trujillo DID Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #5 (Ch. 6)	
Session 7	2/26 – 3/4	Chapter 7: Intimate Partner Abuse	Chapter 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Original & reply post #6 (Ch. 7) & Extra Credit Response	
Session 8	3/5 – 3/11	Stalking Lecture	Stalking Article		

		<p>Exam #1 will open on 3/7 from 12:30 AM to 3/8 at 11:59 PM</p> <p>WILL COVER CHAPTERS 1-3 & 5-7</p> <p>VICTIM BLAMING & STALKING VICTIMIZATION LECTURE</p> <p>OLGA TRUJILLO VIDEO</p> <p>FOX ARTICLE</p>			
	3/12– 3/16	SPRING BREAK			
Session 9	3/19 – 3/25	Corporal Punishment Lecture	Murray Straus Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #7 (Corporal Punishment Discussion) 	
Session 10	3/26 – 4/1	<p>Chapter 8: Child Victims</p> <p>March 30, 2018 – Good Friday Holiday</p>	Chapter 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #8 (Ch. 8) 	
Session 11	4/2 – 4/8	<p>Chapter 9: Elder Victims</p> <p>April 6, 2018 – Last Day to Drop Full Term Spring Courses with a “Q”</p>	Chapter 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #9 (Ch. 9) 	
Session 12	4/9 – 4/15	Chapter 10: Hate Crimes	Chapter 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #10 (Ch. 10) 	
Session 13	4/16 – 4/22	Chapter 11: Special Victim Populations	Chapter 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #11 (Ch. 11) 	
Session 14	4/23 – 4/29	Chapter 16: Compensation/Restitution	Chapter 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #12 (Ch. 16) 	
Session 15	4/30 – 5/6	<p>Chapter 17: Victim Impact Statements</p> <p><i>Final Exam Review: Post/Discuss Questions in Preparation for comprehensive exam between each other</i></p> <p>Last Class Day – Last Day to Resign by 5:00pm in the Registrar’s Office</p>	<p>Chapter 17</p> <p>Nicole Martingano’s Impact Victim Statement</p> <p>Matthew Shephard’s Father’s Impact Victim Statement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original & reply post #13 (Ch. 17) & Extra Credit Response 	

Session 16	5/7 – 5/8	FINAL EXAM will open on 5/7 from 12:30 AM to 5/8 at 11:59 PM WILL COVER CHAPTERS 8-11 & 16-17 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT LECTURE STRAUS ARTICLE VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS	
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