

# Victim Studies BA/BS

## Goal #1: Application of Knowledge and Skills to Future Career

### Goal Description:

Exiting seniors should demonstrate professional skills necessary to pursue employment in victim studies, or related areas, including comprehensive knowledge of various research strategies, communication, and critical thinking skills.

**Providing Department:** Victim Studies BA/BS

**Progress:** Ongoing

### RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

### Learning Objective #1: Application of Theory during Internship

#### Learning Objective Description:

Students should be able to apply their knowledge of theory on victims and victimization in their internship, which will translate into their future career.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

### Internship Survey

#### Indicator Description:

A survey will be created and sent to several agency administrators to assess how VS majors perform on a range of tasks that administrators look for when hiring new employees, including critical thinking skills, written communication skills, and oral communication skills.

#### Criterion Description:

VS majors will receive ratings at or above 80% for critical thinking, written communication, and oral communication skills.

#### Findings Description:

Exit survey was not distributed this assessment cycle. Data was not collected.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

### Internship Survey

#### Action Description:

The Dept will review current indicators for the Victim Studies BA/BS and identify course-imbedded indicators to use for the 2022-2023 assessment cycle.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

### Learning Objective #2: Application of Research during Internship

#### Learning Objective Description:

Students should be able to apply knowledge of research on victims and victimization and research strategies to internship duties.

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

### Internship Survey

#### Indicator Description:

A survey will be created and sent to several agency administrators to assess how VS majors perform on a range of tasks that administrators look for when hiring new employees, including critical thinking skills, written communication skills, and oral communication skills.

#### Criterion Description:

VS majors will receive ratings at or above 80% for critical thinking, written communication, and oral communication skills.

**Findings Description:**

Exit survey was not distributed this assessment cycle. Data was not collected.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Internship Survey**

**Action Description:**

The Dept will review current indicators for the Victim Studies BA/BS and identify course-imbedded indicators to use for the 2022-2023 assessment cycle.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**Learning Objective #3: Application of Critical Thinking Skills during Internship**

**Learning Objective Description:**

VS majors will be evaluated by agency administrators on how well they were able to use critical thinking skills during their internship.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Internship Survey**

**Indicator Description:**

A survey will be created and sent to several agency administrators to assess how VS majors perform on a range of tasks that administrators look for when hiring new employees, including critical thinking skills, written communication skills, and oral communication skills.

**Criterion Description:**

VS majors will receive ratings at or above 80% for critical thinking, written communication, and oral communication skills.

**Findings Description:**

Exit survey was not distributed this assessment cycle. Data was not collected.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Internship Survey**

**Action Description:**

The Dept will review current indicators for the Victim Studies BA/BS and identify course-imbedded indicators to use for the 2022-2023 assessment cycle.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**Learning Objective #4: Student Written Communication Skills**

**Learning Objective Description:**

Exiting students should demonstrate strong written communication skills in the capstone course, CRIJ 4398 Problem Analysis in Victim Studies.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Senior Level Capstone Research Paper**

**Indicator Description:**

Exiting seniors will write a research paper in CRIJ 4398 Problem Analysis in Victim Studies.

**Criterion Description:**

Based on the attached scoring rubric and scale that ranges from 1 (few features are present) to 4 (features are most always present). Students will score a average of 3 on each criteria.

**Findings Description:**

Writing artifacts submitted for the AWC (Assessment of Written Communication) were reviewed. Results listed below. Average scores listed below. (n=28)

Ideas/Critical Thinking/Synthesis	2.7
Style	2.82
Organization	2.8
Conventions	2.71
Overall Average	2.76

### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

#### Senior Level Capstone Research Paper

##### Action Description:

The chart below compares the AWC average scores for capstone papers submitted for VCST 4398. Scores in each area decreased with the overall average decreasing by roughly 10%. The department will continue to assess writing artifacts internally to monitor scores.

	2018-2019	2021-2022
Ideas/Critical Thinking/Synthesis	3.10	2.70
Style	2.96	2.82
Organization	3.12	2.8
Conventions	3.00	2.71
Overall Average	3.05	2.76

## Goal #2: Student Preparedness for Future Career

### Goal Description:

Exiting seniors will report feeling prepared for their future career in the victim service, or related, field.

**Providing Department:** Victim Studies BA/BS

**Progress:** Ongoing

### RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

#### RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

#### Learning Objective #5: Student Knowledge and Skill Set for Future Career

##### Learning Objective Description:

Exiting seniors will report feeling that they have the necessary knowledge and skills for their future careers.

## Goal #3: Curriculum Map for VS BA/BS Programs

### Goal Description:

Create a detailed curriculum map for VS BA/BS programs that will outline what specific skills students learn and master as they progress through the curriculum.

**Providing Department:** Victim Studies BA/BS

**Progress:** Ongoing

## Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

**Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):**

### **Closing Summary**

This year we plan to create a survey for our students to understand their needs better.

### **Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:**

An exit survey has been drafted to compile data on students' experience in the program and post-graduation data (employment, graduate school, etc). The first round of surveys will be distributed in December 2022.

### **New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item**

#### **Closing Summary:**

The BA/BS in Victim Studies is part of a College-wide project that will consist of a syllabi review and curriculum mapping. This project began in Fall 2022 and will be concluded in Spring 2023. The department will work with the assessment and retention specialist to complete a curriculum map that will help identify learning objectives and indicators for each of the courses required for the BA/BS in Victim Studies.