

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500257 Criminology	OB	2	2

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
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Prerequisites

To determinate.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This essay tries, through the integration of theoretical and practical contents relative to five big themes, to offer to the students a wider vision on different theories of victimization, the processes of victimization, the different type of crimes according to the impact on the victim, the relationship between victim and the Justice, the victim's role in the criminal policy, the victim's help programs, the psychology of the criminal victimization, the evaluation methodology, the forensic victimology the clinical and psychosocial victimology specific to the different criminal precincts.

It pretends that the students get familiar with the handling of datas related to criminal victimization coming from the different existing official sources, learn the lexicon and the basic concept of the subject, be able to realize a critical evaluation of scientific articles on victimology, be able to look up the datas contained in the court documents and know the bases of victimology specialist's evidence.

Also it shows the theoretical-practical bases that the student needs to evaluate the specific risk of aggression and be able to create a victim's support program.

Content

Part I. Victimization theories

Subject 1. Victim definition. Various victimization processes (primary, secondary, tertiary, multi victimization). Victimization risk and victim's vulnerability.

Part II. Victimization process: Victims and crimes

Subject 2. History of victimology and victimization theories.

Subject 3. Types of victims. Victimization risk. Analysis of different crimes and victims.

Part III. Relationship between victim and judicial system

Subject 4. Victim's legal context: autonomic, national and International legal framework. Victim and the legal system: police action, court trial, final verdict and post sentence.

Subject 5. Victim's role in criminal policy: fear of crime, crime prevention based on the victim and the victimization's polls.

Part IV. Victim Assistance Programs

Subject 6. Criminal mediation program. The role of the mediator in the judicial field. Restitution (paid by the offenders) programs.

Subject 7. Victims of Crime Bureau. Characteristics and operation. Vulnerable victim judicial investigation supporting program. Crime Technical Advise Teams.

Subject 8. Victim/witness assistance programs. Compensation Programs. Victims (Rights) Associative movement. Victim Support specialized agencies and entities.

Part V. Crime's effect on victims.

Subject 9. Criminal victimization psychology. Traumatic event. Different changes produced in the victims: cognitive, emotional, behavioral and psycho-physiological. Lazarus and Folkman transactional model.

Subject 10. Evaluation (Assessment) and intervention with victims: evaluation methods: interviews, scales, personality and psychopathology questionnaires, projective tests, other instruments. Evaluation key periods. Individual or group intervention. Child victims evaluation.

Subject 11. Forensic Victimology: Basic concepts, area of activity, psychic injury concept, cause and con-cause. Psycho-legal evaluation of consequences: expert report and testimony to the hearing. Mid and long term psychological trauma. Post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSS) and other common disorders in forensic victimology.

Subject 12. Victimization in different areas: domestic violence, sexual aggression, fiscal aggression, traffic accidents.

Subject 13. Victimization in different areas: workplace and school bullying.
Child abuse and sexual violence.

Subject 14. New types of criminal victimization. Cyber bullying. Legal context. Typology. Privacy in social networks.