

Course Code: FP6525
Spring I
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Course Name: Psychology of the Victim

Course Description: This course presents an intensive study, both theoretical and clinical, of the victim. This course will concentrate on the psychological impact of emotional, physical, sexual, or environmental victimization. Students will become familiarized with evaluation and treatment issues in working with victims. Additionally reviewed will be the manner in which social, legal, judicial, and treatment systems interact with victims. Special topic areas may include victim populations such as child victims, domestic violence survivors, war trauma, and political refugees.

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Length: 7.5 weeks

Credit Value: 3.0

Contact Hours: 45 hours

Material Requirements: None

Textbooks:

Title:	Trauma and Recovery : The Aftermath of Violence, from Domestic Abuse to Political Terror
Author:	Herman, Judith
Edition / Copyright:	REV 97
Publisher:	Basic Books, Inc.
ISBN:	0-465-08730-2
Title:	Victims of Crime
Author:	Davis, Robert C. / Lurigio, Arthur J. / Herman, Susan
Edition / Copyright:	3RD 07
Publisher:	Sage Publications, Inc.
ISBN:	1-4129-3657-8

Technology: **Computer:** PC: As a general guideline, students should not have computer specifications less than a

Pentium III CPU, Windows XP with Service Pack 2, and 1 GB of RAM.

MAC: As a general guideline, students should not have computer specifications less than a MAC G4 processor, MAC OS X 10.4, and 1 GB of RAM.

Software: Microsoft Office Professional (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook), Norton Antivirus, Adobe Acrobat Reader

Peripherals: N/A

Browser: Courses offered online are best viewed using Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 (PC), Safari 3.0 (MAC), or Mozilla Firefox 3.0.

Notes:

**Course
Competencies:**

1. Describe theoretical and empirical knowledge about psychological trauma and victimization impact as viewed from the discipline of forensic psychology.
2. Identify and evaluate commonalities and differences in demographic variables and psychological profiles between subtypes of victims that may present in forensic settings.
3. Define and analyze the role and impact of the criminal justice system on victims.
4. Define and analyze the role and impact of past and current legal rights on victims.
5. Compare and contrast empirical research findings related to the assessment and evaluation of victims.
6. Compare and contrast empirical research findings related to treatment for victims.

Topical Outline: Module 1

- Defining “Victims” and “Victimology”

Module 2

- Victim Groups Part I: Family and or Interpersonal

Victimization

Module 3

- Groups Part II: Indirect and/or Vulnerable Groups for Victimization

Module 4

- Victims in the Criminal Justice System

Module 5

- Assessment and Evaluation with Victims

Module 6

- Treatment and Intervention Part I: Stabilization

Module 7

- Treatment and Intervention Part II: Recovery

Module 8

- Integrating Knowledge on Victim's Assessment, Treatment, and Intervention