

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: VICTIMOLOGY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6007LAWCJ** (120648)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 24  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 46  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240  
**Private Study:** 194

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture   | 22            |
| Seminar   | 22            |

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description     | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Essay    | Essay 1           | 3000 Word Essay | 50            |               |
| Exam     | EXAM 1            | Exam            | 50            | 2             |

### Aims

*The overall aim of this module is to develop a more meaningful understanding of victims of crime and to critically explore their role and experiences within the criminal justice system. The module seeks to help students develop a critical appreciation of the conceptual development of victims and victimology as an academic discipline. It also aims to evaluate notions of victimhood and explore challenges for victim service provision. The lectures, seminars, and reading for the module will encourage engagement with competing understandings of victimhood and will seek to prompt*

*students to begin to critically analyse learning material. Placing victims within their appropriate socio-political context will also ensure that students develop a full appreciation of, not only diverse victim experiences, but also the dynamic and multi-faceted challenges facing the criminal justice system in providing satisfactory service for them.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a theoretical understanding of the processes of victimisation
- 2 Analyse the experiences and impact of criminal victimisation
- 3 Critically evaluate the responses of criminal justice to victims of crime

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 3000 word essay | 1 | 2 |
| Exam            | 2 | 3 |

## **Outline Syllabus**

- . *Victims of Crime: An Historical Perspective*
- . *Theoretical Perspectives on Victimisation*
- . *The Social Construction of Victims and Victimhood*
- . *Crime, Victimhood and Vulnerability*
- . *Surviving Victimhood: The Impact of Feminism*
- . *Public Sector Services and Victims of Crime*
- . *The Role of the Voluntary Sector*
- . *Ideological Trends within the Victims Movement: An International Perspective*
- . *Comparative Perspectives on Victim Service Provision (Europe and USA)*
- . *The Victim in Court*
- . *The Victim and Restorative Justice*
- . *Male Victims of Crime*
- . *Female Victims of Crime*
- . *Race and Victimisation*
- . *Youth, Vulnerability and the Impact of Crime*
- . *Old Age, Vulnerability and the Impact of Crime*
- . *Social Class and Victims of Crime*
- . *Victims of Violent Crime*
- . *Victims of Sexual Crime*
- . *Victims of White-Collar and Corporate Crime*
- . *Secondary Victimisation*
- . *Cultural Victimology*
- . *News Media, Victims and Crime*
- . *The Public Perception and Acceptance of Victims*
- . *Module Overview and Future Trends*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures  
Seminars  
Self-directed study  
Preparation and completion of module assessment

## **Notes**

The study of criminal victimization has developed to such an extent that victimology is now regarded as a central component to the study of criminology and criminal justice. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of the key themes and debates relating to victimization today.