

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Victims and Justice  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies  
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 12      **Total Delivered Hours:** 26

**Total Learning Hours:** 120      **Private Study:** 94

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10
Online	8
Practical	2
Workshop	6

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	ESSAY	Essay 1500 words	50	
Essay	VISUAL	Visual Essay	50	

### Aims

*explore the ongoing interest in victims and victimology within criminology;  
conceptualise the place of the victim and their demands for justice within  
contemporary regulatory and criminal justice practices;*

*critically evaluate the role and effectiveness of victims' groups in campaigning for justice*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify and understand competing discourses of victims and victimisation.
- 2 Critically analyze state responses to victims' demands for justice.
- 3 Critically evaluate the role, activities and relative effectiveness of a victim campaign group in securing justice.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

Essay 1500 words	1	
Visual Essay	2	3

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Understanding victims, victimology and criminology*

*Positivist victimology*

*Radical Victimology*

*Critical victimology*

*The state and the victim*

*Vulnerable victims*

*Victims' needs and victims' rights?*

*Rebalancing the criminal justice system*

*Conceptualising victims and their place in the criminal justice system*

*Victim resistance and activism*

*Radical victims' organisations*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, note-taking, small group discussions, structured activities, workshops and IT skills development.

## **Notes**

This module is concerned to address the substantive and growing criminological interest in the issue of victimization. It explores different theoretical perspectives associated with the study of victims and the victim's place within regulatory and criminal justice practices. It will encourage students to critically explore the state's recognition of, and responses, to victims and their demands for justice.