

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Victims and Justice
Status: Definitive
Code: **6105CRIM** (122301)
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Owning School/Faculty: Justice Studies
Teaching School/Faculty: Justice Studies

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 42
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 158

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Online	5
Tutorial	15
Workshop	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay 2,500 words	50	
Essay	AS2	Visual Essay Max 10 Slides	50	

Aims

- 1. Explore the discourses of victims and the discipline of victimology within criminology*
- 2. Conceptualize the place of the victim and their demands for justice within contemporary regulatory and criminal justice practices*

3. *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 victimization
- 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 (2,500 words)	1	2
Visual Essay (Max 10 Slides)	3	

Outline Syllabus

Understanding victims and victimology
Positivist, radical and 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
Victims' organisations

Learning Activities

Workshops consisting of lecture input and small group activities; IT Workshops, Tutorial (drop-in) sessions, Guest Speakers

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 victims 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, along with the work of groups that campaign on behalf of particular groups of victims. The module will involve students' participating in interactive 2-hour workshops involving lecture input, small group activities and IT skills; attending tutorial (drop-in) sessions and

receiving input from guest speakers who are experts in their fields.