

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: VICTIM AND WITNESSES
Status: Definitive
Code: **6503LAWSTH** (116313)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2011

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

Team	Leader
Lawrence Burke	

Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 45.00

Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 75

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Runs Twice - S1 & S2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	20.000
Seminar	5.000
Tutorial	10.000
Workshop	10.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay – Analytical and evaluative concerning one of the topics covered and negotiated with tutor (2,500 words).	100.0	

Aims

To provide a comprehensive understanding of the changing position of victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system. Develop awareness of the Victims Charter. Consider the importance of victim impact statements and their affect on sentencing.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically analyse and evaluate the situation of victims and witnesses within the Criminal Justice System and the methods used to serve their needs and secure their engagement with professional practice.
- 2 Evaluate the effectiveness of Victim and Witness care in practice.
- 3 Analyse and evaluate theoretical perspectives of Victimology.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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Outline Syllabus

Nature of victims – Define the Victim

Theory and Practice in victimology – positivism and victimology, radicalism and victimology

Feminist Perspective -Likely Victims -Personal Responsibility

Victim and Witness Initiatives (Victims code)

Community Safety, personal safety, fear of crime and victimisation

Victims' needs and rights

Powerful victims – A new concept

Victim organisations, pressure groups, press coverage of victims, lobbying for change

Government response to victims

Criminal Justice Response

Restorative Justice, reparation, restitution

Theory and practice in victimology

Crime surveys

Victim support

Hate crimes

Repeat and secondary victimisation

Learning Activities

The module will be delivered using a variety of learning and teaching techniques, visiting speakers, the lecturers. Applied research using empirical data collection techniques and meta-analysis to provide an in-depth view of victim and witness management and care within the Criminal Justice Sector.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Davies, P, Francis, P and Greer, C
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Victims, Crime and Society
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London Sage
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Wallace, H
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Victimology Legal, psychological and Social Perspectives
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	2nd edition, Harlow Pearson
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Goodey, J
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Victims and Victimology Research, Policy and Practice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Williams, B
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Victims of Crime and Community Justice
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Jessica Kingsley
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Davies, P, Francis, P and Jupp, V
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Victimisation, Theory, Research and Policy
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Basingstoke Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN	

Notes

This module will be delivered using a variety of learning and teaching techniques. Students will undertake applied research, either in the workplace or using empirical data collections techniques or meta-analysis to provide an in depth view of victims and witnesses management and care within the sector.

It is expected that visiting speakers will be utilised throughout this module in addition to lecturer support. The police, domestic violence unit, victim support and voluntary support units will be invited to provide input and share their experiences.

Opportunities to undertake valuable work experience with Merseyside Victim support unit is available to all students subject to satisfactory CRB clearance and successful interview with the co-ordinator from the unit.

Delivered over two semesters to facilitate dissertation research study.

Option to select module in Semester 1 or 2 to facilitate Dissertation Study. Those opting for Semester 1 (A group) must apply prior to the end of September or they will automatically be allocated to group B to be assessed in April.