



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES
Department of Sociology and Anthropology

VICTIMOLOGY
SOC*4140 (01)
Fall 2024

Class: Tuesdays 14:30am–17:20pm MACN 202

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Course Description

The study of criminality and violence generally focuses on offenders. Although studying offenders has been a long-standing focus for understanding the nature and etiology of antisocial, criminal, and violent behaviour, it is relatively recently that academics have sought to understand these through a focus on *victims*. This course will focus on understanding violence and criminality by critically evaluating theory, research, and public policy pertaining to victims. Specifically, it will explore topics such as theories of victimization, victimization statistics, particular specifiable groups (gender, age, race, ethnicity, etc.), social and media constructions of victimization and victimhood, and societal and personal responses to victims and victimization.

****Note:** this is an In-Class full (double) credit course with corresponding workload and expectations that include full and frequent, active on-line and in-class participation including in-person student presentations.

Prerequisites: 14.00 credits including SOC*2700 or SOC*3310 and SOAN*3120 or POLS*3650

Restrictions: Restricted to students in BAH: CCJP and BAH: SOC with an average of 70% in all course attempts in Political Science, Sociology, and Sociology and Anthropology courses

Required Text: Readings will be made available to students on various platforms some of which may require fees.

Evaluation May Include: Participation, Weekly Assignments, Written Submissions, Quizzes, Presentations, Peer Evaluations, Written Research Paper(s)/Submission(s).

Note: This draft outline is for informational purposes only and may change at the instructor's discretion. A complete syllabus will be shared during the first class.