



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

VICTIMOLOGY
SOC*4140 (01)
Fall 2021

Class: Tuesdays 14:30am–17:20pm

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Course Description

The study of criminality and violence generally focuses on offenders. Although studying offenders is important to understanding the nature and etiology of antisocial, criminal, and violent behaviour, it is only relatively recently that academics have sought to understand *victims*. This course will focus on the changing nature of “violence” in our society 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.

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: All readings are available through Ares Course Reserves.

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.