

Module title: Victimology and Criminal Victimization

Module code:	VCV	NQF level:	Level 6
Credit value:	15 credits	Study duration:	9 Weeks

Module description

This module considers the history and various theories of victimology, as well as the connotations of the term 'victim'. The module reflects upon the relationship between risk, vulnerability and criminal victimisation whilst also considering the links between social inequality and victimisation.

Aims

- To examine the history and theoretical perspectives of victimology
- To assess criminal victimisation in the context of hate crimes, domestic violence, rape, organised crimes, corporate crimes, state crimes and war crimes
- To explore the role of the victim in the criminal justice process and the provision of victim support services
- To analyse comparative approaches to victim services in the European Union and United States

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Apply an understanding of criminological theories to assess the political and social processes of victimisation and criminalisation
- Demonstrate the relationship between diversity and social inequality in relation to victimisation
- Understand the role of the victim in the criminal justice process and the support services available to them
- Evaluate comparative approaches to victim services in the European Union and United States

Syllabus

- The History of Victimology
- Social Inequalities, Vulnerability and Victimization
- Hate Crimes
- Criminal Victimization
- Crimes of the Powerful and Hidden Victims
- Justice for Victims

Learning and teaching methods

Teaching will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials that will be provided on the UoEO Learning Platform, and will be supported by specified discussion forums, pre-recorded lecturecasts and biweekly online question and answer sessions (using synchronous communication software and application sharing facility). Students will be provided with indicative guidance on, and encouraged to look at relevant websites which are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources (as learning support references) with their fellow students. The pre-recorded lecturecasts and the online question and answer sessions will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the Tutors. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and students will be given direction on required and indicative reading.

Assessment

Description of unit of assessment	Length / Duration	Submission Date	Weighting
2 x Assessed discussion activities	2 weeks	Unit 3 & Unit 7	20%
Mid Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	Unit 5	30%
End of Module Assignment	1500-2000 words	End of module	30%
Reflective report	1500-2000 words	End of module	20%