Course Number: CRIJ 2603

Course Title: Special Topics in Criminal Justice – Victimology

Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours

Perquisites: None

Corequisites: None

Catalog Description:

This course is a survey course of contemporary developments in the field of victimology. The course will focus on conceptual boundaries, basic concepts, literatures, and its sub-fields and role as a field of study in criminal justice and sociology. This course may be repeated with different topics.

Textbook: – Material will vary by assignments and research interest
Crime Victims – An Introduction to Victimology Karmen 7th ed.

Supplies:
Standard note taking and writing materials

Learner Outcomes:
At the end of the course the student should demonstrate competency in the following:

1.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of victimization.

2.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of offenders in the criminal justice system.

3.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of child victimization.

Course Requirements:

1.0 Reading: readings from the assigned material, text & handouts.

2.0 Class Discussion: student participation in class discussion may be required.
   Participation may be used to evaluate student performance.

3.0 Writing: essay questions on exams or other written assignments may be required by the instructor.
4.0 Testing: a minimum of three exams, including the final exam, may be required by the instructor. The tests may be subjective or objective and may consist of any combination of multiple-choice, matching, fill in the blank, or essay questions.

5.0 Students will be required to complete numerous short research projects throughout the semester. Short quizzes will be required on all turned in research projects.

**Method of Evaluation:**

Class information sheets must clearly state the instructor's method of evaluation. The instructor will follow the grading policy, which is stated on page 39 of the 2002-2003 WOSC catalog.

**Attendance Policy:**

Although attendance may not be used in the determination of grades, regular attendance is expected. Students are expected to attend all assigned meeting times. Class information sheets must clearly state the instructor's attendance policy.

**Academic Ethics:**

Students are expected to comply with the regulations regarding cheating or plagiarism as stated in the Western Oklahoma State College catalog. (See student disciplinary regulations)

**Course Competencies:**

1.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding victimization:

2.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of offenders in the criminal justice system:

3.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of child victimization: