WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Victimology
COURSE NUMBER: MAJ 6611

I. RATIONALE:

The study of victimology adds to the overall academic capital of the scholarly practitioner in the various criminal justice settings.

II. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:

Students will discuss a variety of perspectives concerning the theoretical approaches and the scope of the study of victimology.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

A-1 Examine and discuss the criminal and the victim as presented by Hans von Hentry.
A-2 Discuss the definition of victimology as developed by Benjamin Mendelson.
A-3 Analyze and discuss the work of Stephen Schafer and the scope of victimology.
A-4 Analyze and discuss the theoretical perspective of Manachim Amer in the victimology of rape victims.
A-5 Examine and discuss the victim precipitation theory developed by Marvin Wolfgang.

GOAL B:

Students will develop a sense of the practical issues that arise in the debates of dealing with victims of crime in the arena of the actual extent and cost of victimization.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

B-1 Compare and contrast the various methods of measuring criminal victimization including the Uniform Crime Reports, the National Crime Victimization Survey and the National Opinion Research Center.
B-2 Examine the cost to the victim in terms of crime victimization and system victimization.
B-3 Demonstrate an understanding of prosecutorial-based victim witness programs.
B-4 Review the economic costs of crime and the various levels of victimization.
GOAL C:
Students will develop an understanding of the plight of crime victims and some available remedies.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

C-1 Analyze and discuss the concept of restorative justice and restitution.
C-2 Review the effects of civil litigation as a tool to help make victims whole.
C-3 Examine and discuss the use of private insurance as an effort to help crime victims.
C-4 Conduct a survey of the various programs set up in the area of victim assistance.
C-5 Conduct a survey of victim compensation programs.

GOAL D:
Students will develop an understanding and appreciation for the unique responses that are required to address the issues associated with the various types of crime.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

D-1 Analyze and discuss the victimology of sexual assault.
D-2 Analyze and discuss the victimology of child maltreatment.
D-3 Analyze and discuss the victimology of spousal and elder abuse.
D-4 Address the concerns of survivors of homicide victimization.

GOAL E:
Students will become familiar with the issues, concerns, and politics of victims.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

E-1 Critique how and why the rights and remedies for victims have improved in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
E-2 Review the efforts of Constitutional reform in the area of victim’s bill of rights.
E-3 Evaluate pending and recently passed legislation that is favorable to crime victims.
E-4 Assess what still needs to be accomplished in the area of victims’ rights and remedies, in victim services, and in the field of victimology.
GOAL F:
Students will use appropriate writing and oral skills.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

- **F-1** Utilize professional writing skills to analyze and cite appropriate sources (e.g. APA format) to express and convey empirical research.
- **F-2** Research, construct, and deliver professional presentations using a variety of communication tools and techniques.