



COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1302 - Degree in Criminology	Facultat de Dret	3	First quarter
1923 - Double Degree Programme Law-Criminology	Facultat de Dret	3	First quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1302 - Degree in Criminology	Victimology	COMPULSORY
1923 - Double Degree Programme Law-Criminology	Year 3 compulsory subjects	COMPULSORY

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

Victimology is an academic discipline that focuses on the analysis of the victim from a multidisciplinary perspective (psychological, sociological, and legal). It encompasses the study of the factors that may contribute to an individual becoming a victim, as well as the consequences experienced by the victim following the commission of a criminal act. This includes, among other aspects, a critical examination of the complex relationship between the victim and the criminal justice system, considering its substantive, procedural, and support-related dimensions, along with the principal strategies for prevention and reparation.

The Victimology course offers students a comprehensive theoretical and methodological framework for understanding the multifaceted nature of victimization. It addresses victimology in its theoretical, descriptive, explanatory, and predictive dimensions, as well as its application in research, evaluation, prevention, counseling, treatment, and follow-up of victims across various domains.



Victim assistance currently represents a field of significant academic and institutional interest in Spain, particularly in relation to critical issues such as sexual abuse, domestic violence, workplace harassment, and, more broadly, the victim's interaction with the criminal justice system.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

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Saber aplicar las técnicas de investigación adecuadas para la persecución de delitos y la resolución de conflictos sociales, garantizando la seguridad ciudadana y los derechos fundamentales.

Saber aplicar las teorías criminológicas en la elaboración de políticas públicas centradas en la prevención del delito y la atención a la víctima.

Saber aplicar las teorías criminológicas para explicar la delincuencia y poder prevenir la comisión de delitos.

Saber atender las necesidades de la víctima, con especial referencia a las víctimas de violencia de género o los menores.

Saber diseñar programas orientados a la prevención de la reincidencia y la victimización.

Saber identificar la diversidad y desigualdad social y sus consecuencias en relación con el hecho delictivo, la victimización y las respuestas ante el crimen y la desviación.

Saber utilizar un lenguaje técnico que permita expresar los conceptos correctamente y desde una perspectiva de género.

Ser capaz de analizar el delito, el delincuente y la víctima, y diseñar estrategias de prevención e intervención, desde el respeto a los derechos humanos, la igualdad entre hombres y mujeres, la paz, sostenibilidad, accesibilidad universal y diseño para todos y valores democráticos.

Ser capaz de apreciar la complejidad y diversidad del fenómeno criminal.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS



1. Victimology: Conceptual and Methodological Issues

Victimology as a science: concept, object, and method. A victimological approach to the concept of the victim. Brief overview of the history of victimology. Psychological aspects of victimization.

2. Areas of Victimization

Workplace psychological harassment (mobbing). Domestic violence. Child sexual abuse. Other areas of victimization. Prevention of victimization.

3. Effects of Crime on Victims

Cognitive, affective, behavioral, and psychophysiological consequences. Acute and post-traumatic symptomatology. Other common disorders among victims. Explanatory models. Psychological and criminological assessment of injuries and long-term consequences.

4. The Victim and the Criminal Justice System (I)

The protection of victims' interests within the framework of a social and democratic rule of law. International protection of victims. The role of the victim in the Spanish criminal justice system: aspects of substantive criminal law (the legal-criminal concept of the victim; victim vulnerability considered by lawmakers in the design of criminal offenses, general circumstances, and other criminal institutions; non-prosecutable offenses and the victim's right to forgive; the victim and the penal sanction system; other victimological manifestations in substantive criminal legislation.

5. The Victim and the Criminal Justice System (II)

The legal status of the victim in Spanish criminal proceedings (information, participation, protection). Victims and criminal policy; the distinction between academic victimology and social movements supporting crime victims.

6. Systems of Assistance, Reparation, and Intervention

Legal, medical, and psychological perspectives. Victim assistance and intervention programs. Crisis intervention.

WORKLOAD



PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Theoretical and practical classes	60,00
Total hours	60,00

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	5,00
Individual or group project	20,00
Independent study and work	10,00
Preparation of lessons	10,00
Preparation for assessment activities	35,00
Resolution of case studies	10,00
Total hours	90,00

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

During the **teaching sessions**, the instructor will highlight the core aspects of each lesson and address the most complex issues it raises. To this end, specific case scenarios will be used, preferably connected to current events, and questions or activities will be posed to students in order to foster classroom discussion. The aim is for students not only to understand the fundamental concepts and institutions of the course, but also to develop legal and criminological reasoning skills and to adopt a critical perspective regarding positive law and its potential implications for victims.

To facilitate this **active learning process**, classes will be primarily structured around tasks introduced in the preceding session and made available in advance via the virtual classroom (e.g., reading assignments, completion of questionnaires, resolution of case studies). These tasks will require prior study and preparation by students, as well as their active participation during class sessions, which will often combine lectures with individual or group exercises and other participatory methods.

The course "Victimology" carries 6 ECTS credits, which, in accordance with the teaching protocol of the Faculty of Law at the University of Valencia, corresponds to two weekly teaching sessions of 1 hour and 40 minutes each, supplemented by complementary activities throughout the semester (such as interdisciplinary seminars on current issues related to the subject matter).

EVALUATION

The competencies associated with this course will be assessed through a comprehensive written examination, which will account for 60% of the final grade, and through the resolution of problems, case studies, assignments, and other applied activities, in accordance with the teaching methodology outlined in the corresponding section. These evaluable activities, which will be proposed by the instructor throughout the course, will constitute the remaining 40% of the final grade. A minimum of two evaluable activities will be required.



To pass the course, students must achieve a passing grade in both the theoretical and practical components of the comprehensive examination. Students who do not participate in continuous assessment will be allowed to sit the comprehensive examination. However, in such cases, the final grade will be limited to the weighted value of the exam (60%), meaning that the maximum achievable grade will be 6 out of 10.

In the event that a student fails the comprehensive examination during the first examination period, the grade obtained through continuous assessment will be retained for the second examination period.

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