Bemidji State University

JUST 3377: Forensic Victimology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course focuses on the forensic and scientific study of victims, emphasizing the response of police, medical professionals, and social agencies during the investigative and judicial processes. Accentuates methods used to collect, preserve, and analyze evidence relative to victims and victimizations. Examines controversial yet critical considerations in an objective investigative process, such as victim precipitation, victim characteristics and profiles, lifestyle and situational exposures, false allegations, and false confessions. Prerequisites: (CRJS 1120 and Junior status) or consent of instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/07/2023 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Forensic and scientific investigatory practices related to crime victims
2. Methods used to collect, preserve, and analyze evidence exhibited by or relative to the victim
3. Objective consideration of controversial victim-related topics
4. Victim profiles

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. describe the forensic and scientific study of victims.
2. articulate the roles of police, medical professionals, and/or social agencies during the investigative and judicial processes.
3. explain scientific, technological, and communicative methods used to collect, preserve, and analyze evidence exhibited by or relative to the victim.
4. describe the basis and utility of collecting crime victim characteristics and creating victim profiles.
5. define and explain often controversial concepts, such as victim precipitation, lifestyle exposures, and situational exposures.
6. define and explain the impact of false allegations and false confessions.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted