

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College Division of Social and  
Behavioral Sciences, Education and  
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

**CMJS 2353 (Victimology)**

**Catalog Description:**

This course is an overview of the study of the role of the victim in the criminal justice process. We will cover the short history of this emerging science, current sociological and psychological theories as to why certain people are victimized, the rise of the victim's rights movement, the development of victim reparation programs, and the current status of the victim's role in restorative justice.

**Co-requisites:**

None

**Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours:**

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**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand the history of the relatively new science of victimology
- Know and be able to discuss the various theories of victimization
- Understand the circumstances that led to the rise of the victim's rights movement
- Know and be able to discuss important legislation that altered the victim's role in the criminal justice system
- Know what "restorative justice" is and how it differs from standard criminal justice proceedings. Know the psychological and sociological effects of being victimized
- Know how the study of the victims of crime differs from standard criminal justice courses