

**MCJ 6200—Seminar: Victimology**  
Spring Semester 2015  
January 12<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Online Class

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- Fisher, B.S., Daigle, L.E., & Cullen, F.T. (2010). *Unsafe in the Ivory Tower: The Sexual Victimization of College Women*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. ISBN: 978-1-4129-5477-8

### **Grading**

Weekly response papers	60 points
Books discussions	20 points
Midterm Exam	50 points
Final Exam	50 points

### **Weekly Response Papers**

There will be 12 short writing assignments (two to three pages), due weekly, throughout the semester. Each paper will be based on the assigned readings for the week, so it is essential that every student keeps up with the readings.

Papers are graded based on the quality of the answer (fully address question) and quality of the writing (sentence structure, grammar). These are not research papers, and do not require references or title pages. However, the usual standards to academic integrity apply, and plagiarism will result in a failed grade for that assignment. Be aware that uploaded assignments will automatically be submitted to plagiarism detection software. If you have questions about avoiding plagiarism, visit WSU's student code of conduct page:

[http://www.weber.edu/ppm/Policies/6-22\\_StudentCode.html](http://www.weber.edu/ppm/Policies/6-22_StudentCode.html)

### **Book Discussions**

There will be two discussion boards during weeks 7 and 14 in which we will discuss the assigned texts "book club" style. I will post questions for us to discuss, and students will contribute to the discussion by replying to my initial questions and each other. The purpose is to discuss the material like we would in a face-to-face course. This assignment will be graded subjectively by me, and students will receive a grade based on my perceived contribution to the discussion. A

## **Grading Scale**

For the assignment of final letter grades for this

## **Extra Credit**

No extra credit will be available for this course. Please don't ask. The course grading is set up in such a way that you can succeed as long as you are engaged in the course and complete the assigned work on time.

## **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

“Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in room 181 of the Student Services Center. SSD can also arrange to provide course materials (including the syllabus) in alternative formats if necessary.” For more information about the SSD contact them at 801-626-6413, [ssd@weber.edu](mailto:ssd@weber.edu), or [departments.weber.edu/ssd](http://departments.weber.edu/ssd)

## **Support Contact Information**

For assistance with Canvas related technical issues, please call 801-626-6499. This phone is staffed Mon-Thurs from 8am- 5pm and Fridays from 8am-4:30pm. A message can be left during non-business hours for a return call. Alternatively, students can send an email message to [wsuonline@weber.edu](mailto:wsuonline@weber.edu).

If students have technical issues related to usernames/passwords, please call the Help Desk at 801-626-7777, or email [csupport@weber.edu](mailto:csupport@weber.edu).

## **Tentative Reading and Topic Schedule**

\*This is a reading intensive course, so be prepared. If you are not willing to invest the appropriate amount of time into staying up to date with the readings, then you should be prepared to receive a lower grade at the end of the semester.

\*\*The readings are listed in the recommended reading order.

\*\*\*Email notifications will be considered adequate notice that the schedule has been changed.

## **Week 1 (1/11/2015)**

To do by Saturday, 1/17/2015:

- Review the syllabus
- Complete assigned readings
- Upload weekly writing assignment into Canvas

Topic: Origins of Victimology

*Required Readings:*

1. Dussich, J.P.J. (1986). *Victimology: Past, Present, and Future*. Available online: [http://www.unafei.or.jp/english/pdf/RS\\_No70/No70\\_12VE\\_Dussich.pdf](http://www.unafei.or.jp/english/pdf/RS_No70/No70_12VE_Dussich.pdf)

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Topic: Fourth Generation of Victimology Theory

*Required Readings:*

15. Schreck, C.J. (1999). Criminal victimization and low self-control: An extension and test of a general theory of crime. *Justice Quarterly*, 16, 633-654.

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## **Week 9 (3/15/2015)**

To do by Saturday, 3/21/2015:

- Complete assigned readings
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*Recommended Reading:*

Chapter 9 in forthcoming textbook

43. Warr, M. (2000). Fear of crime in the United States: Avenues for research and policy. In

**Week 14 (4/19/2015)**

To do by Saturday, 4/25/2015:

- Complete assigned readings
- Participate in book club on discussion board
- Upload weekly writing assignment into Canvas
- Final exam opens

Topic: Preventing Victimization

*Required Readings:*

51. Felson & Boba book.

**Week 15 (4/26/2015)**

To do by Saturday, 5/2/2015:

- Complete final exam