



Criminal Justice (CRJS) 352

Victims of Crimes (Revision 5)

Delivery mode:	Individualized study online ↗ or Grouped study ↗ with eText ↗
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Credits:	3
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Area of study:	Applied Study
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Prerequisites:	None
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Precluded:	CRJS 352 cannot be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for HSRV 352
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Challenge:	CRJS 352 has a challenge for credit option.
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Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences ↗
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Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing ↗ for the current revision ✕
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Overview

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of victimology. Students who work or intend to work in fields such as law enforcement, institutional or community corrections, and public or private security will find this course relevant to their careers.

CRJS 352 is organized into three sections. The first section provides a contextual foundation for the course by reviewing historical issues in victimology and describing how crime rates are measured. This section also includes a description of the Canadian criminal justice system. The second section is focused on the impact of victimization, the use of victim impact statements in court proceedings, and international perspectives on victimology. In the final section, the focus narrows to specific victim populations, with units devoted to victimization experiences organized loosely by crime categories.

Outline

CRJS 352 is composed of eleven units as follows:

- Part 1: Introduction
 - Unit 1: History of Victimology
 - Unit 2: The Criminal Justice System
 - Unit 3: Measuring Crime Rates
- Part 2: General Issues
 - Unit 4: The Consequences of Victimization
 - Unit 5: Victim Impact Statements
 - Unit 6: International Perspectives
- Part 3: Specific Victim Populations
 - Unit 7: Homicide Victims

- Unit 8: Sexual Victimization
- Unit 9: Intimate Partner Violence
- Unit 10: Child and Elder Abuse
- Unit 11: Hate Crimes and Other Special Populations

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for CJRS 352, you must complete and submit all of the assignments and write the final exam. You must achieve a minimum grade of **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) on the final exam, and an overall grade of at least D (50 percent) for the course.


You will be evaluated on your understanding of the concepts presented in the course and on your ability to apply those concepts. Your final grade in the course will be based on the marks achieved for the following activities.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	30%
Assignment 2	30%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the **Exam Invigilation Network** [↗](#).

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Materials

Wallace, H., & Roberson, C. (2019). *Victimology: Legal, psychological, and social perspectives* (5th ed.). New York: Pearson.  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** [↗](#), please refer to our **eText Initiative site** [↗](#).

Other Resources

All other materials can be found online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the CRJS 352 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  on the online examination.



Challenge for credit course registration form

Important links

- › **Academic advising** [↗](#)
- › **Program planning** [↗](#)
- › **Request assistance** [↗](#)
- › **Support services** [↗](#)

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