Victimology (CJS 342) is intended to acquaint students with an understanding of the plight of the crime victim in society. For a very long time the emphasis in understanding crime was placed on the offender, who are they, where do they offend, how do they offend, and why do they offend? It is only more recently that we have begun to ask questions and better understand the role of the crime victim in the criminal enterprise. The old adage of a victim simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time is no longer the prevailing explanation of victimization. In this course you will learn about the victim’s role in the criminal justice system, victim’s rights, theories of victimization, and a broad understanding of a variety of victim typologies.

The learning environment in CJS 342 is lecture and discussion based.