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COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE CODE CSS 206: VICTIMOLOGY

In this unit, we shall examine who is a victim of crime and the origin of victimology. By definition, victimology is the scientific study of victims in relation to pattern of occurrence, regularities, nature, volume and societal reaction to the act of victimization, victims' compensation schemes, types of victims, etc. Students will also be exposed to different types of victims of crime with relevant examples, cost of victimization, vulnerable groups and socioeconomic and geographical variables of victimization in Nigeria.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, students are expected:

- (i) Conceptualize Victimology.
- (ii) Describe and explain who is a victim, perpetrator and offender.
- (iii) Discuss the origin of victimology.

- (iv) Examine the various types of victims of crime with relevant examples.
- (v) Explain the cost of victimization to the individual, family and society.
- (vi) Examine reasons why victims should be compensated.
- (vii) Identify categories of victims that should be compensated.
- (viii) Discuss the available victim compensation scheme.
- (ix) Identify and explain the socioeconomic and geographical variables of victimization Nigeria.
- (x) Identification of vulnerable groups globally.

CSS 206 COURSE STRUCTURE

1. Introduction: History of victimology; What is Victimology? Purpose of victimology; Who is a victim and symptoms suffered by victim of crimes.
2. Victimology, nature and pattern of occurrence: Clarification of the term perpetrator and offender, Victim blaming?
3. Societal reaction to the act of victimization: Typology of victims and victim categorization, Hans Von Hentig and Victims Categorization, Benjamin Mendelsohn's typology, and Dr. Stephen Schafer's Victims typology
4. Cost of victimization and Compensation to victims of crime: Various cost of victimization, Reason for compensation of victims of crime, and Victims support scheme.
5. Socio-Economic and Geographical Variables of Victimization in Nigeria, and Vulnerable groups.

6. Revision Class.

References/Further reading

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