



Victimology and Justice Mastery: Global Perspectives & Practical Skills

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Course Overview:

The course is a specialized training program that provides professionals with essential tools and frameworks to understand, analyze, and respond to various forms of victimization. Based on the UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power and guided by key resources such as Victimology: The Essentials, Justice for Victims, and The Handbook of Restorative Justice, this course connects theory with practical applications.

Target Audience:

- Victim advocates and case managers
- Social workers and trauma counselors
- Human rights lawyers and legal advisors
- NGO coordinators and field officers
- Policy makers and transitional justice researchers

Targeted Organizational Departments:

- Legal and Justice Affairs
- Victim Services and Survivor Support Units
- Human Rights and Advocacy Programs
- Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection Units
- Crisis Response, Rehabilitation, and Transitional Justice Teams

Targeted Industries:

- Human rights NGOs and civil society organizations
- Justice and correctional institutions
- International humanitarian and development agencies
- Health and psychological support sectors
- Educational institutions researching victimology

Course Offerings:

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:



- Explain foundational concepts from victimology training courses
- Analyze various types of victimization using comparative frameworks
- Advocate for victims' rights through trauma-informed services
- Develop case responses in cybercrime and workplace victimization
- Apply restorative justice for victims of intimate partner and sexual violence
- Understand police reporting procedures and victim restitution laws
- Build evidence-based victim support programs aligned with UN frameworks

Training Methodology:

This course employs a blended, participatory methodology including:

- Case studies from Justice for Victims and UNAFEI Reports
- Interactive sessions simulating victim interviews and justice system responses
- Peer-group analysis of workplace, school, and cyber victimization scenarios
- Guided exploration of international victimology laws and ICRC humanitarian models
- Restorative justice simulations based on The Handbook of Restorative Justice
- Reflection and feedback sessions to solidify trauma-informed practices

Course Toolbox:

- Victim Rights Advocacy Handbook Ebook
- Global Case Study Workbook school, workplace, and cybercrime examples
- UN Victims' Rights Summary Sheets
- Interactive templates for Restorative Justice circles
- Psychological support referral guides
- Certificate of Completion in Trauma-Informed Victim Services



Course Agenda:

Day 1: Foundations of Victimology and Global Standards

- **Topic 1:** Introduction to Victimology and Core Concepts
- **Topic 2:** Victimization Theories and Typologies of Victims
- **Topic 3:** The United Nations Declaration on Victims' Rights
- **Topic 4:** Legal Definitions and Global Justice Norms
- **Topic 5:** Comparative Victimology: Understanding Global Contexts
- **Topic 6:** International Human Rights and Victim Support Frameworks
- **Reflection & Review:** Key Takeaways from International Legal Instruments

Day 2: Categories of Victimization and Trauma Response

- **Topic 1:** Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Victimization
- **Topic 2:** Child Victims and School Violence Prevention
- **Topic 3:** Elder Abuse, Workplace Victimization, and Peer Bullying
- **Topic 4:** Sexual Violence and Rape Trauma-Informed Services
- **Topic 5:** Cybercrime, Online Abuse, and Digital Victim Support
- **Topic 6:** Homicide and Violent Crime Survivors
- **Reflection & Review:** Trauma-Informed Victim Services in Practice

Day 3: Legal Processes, Rights, and Advocacy

- **Topic 1:** Victim Participation in Criminal Trials
- **Topic 2:** Police Reporting Procedures and Challenges
- **Topic 3:** Restitution and Compensation Mechanisms for Victims
- **Topic 4:** The Role of Victim Advocates and Legal Counsel
- **Topic 5:** Restorative Justice Principles and Victim-Offender Mediation
- **Topic 6:** Evidence-Based Approaches to Victim Protection
- **Reflection & Review:** Building a Victim-Centered Legal System



Day 4: Program Development and Cross-Sector Collaboration

- **Topic 1:** Designing Victim Support and Assistance Programs
- **Topic 2:** Interagency Cooperation and Community-Based Services
- **Topic 3:** Integrating Victim Services in the Justice System
- **Topic 4:** Psychological First Aid and Long-Term Support
- **Topic 5:** Forensic Victimology Skills and Criminal Investigation Roles
- **Topic 6:** Victim Services for Marginalized and Vulnerable Populations
- **Reflection & Review:** Best Practices in Victim-Centered Program Design

Day 5: International Justice, Humanitarian Standards, and Case Studies

- **Topic 1:** UN Victim Assistance Models and Global Governance
- **Topic 2:** ICRC, Transitional Justice, and Post-Conflict Victim Support
- **Topic 3:** Justice for Victims of State Violence and War Crimes
- **Topic 4:** Truth Commissions and Reconciliation Mechanisms
- **Topic 5:** Victim Case Study Analysis from Africa, Asia, and Europe
- **Topic 6:** Evaluating Victim Assistance Impact and Reform Proposals
- **Reflection & Review:** Global Lessons and Advocacy for the Future

FAQ:

What specific qualifications or prerequisites are needed for participants before enrolling in the course?

There are no strict prerequisites, but participants should have a background in law, social work, psychology, humanitarian work, or public policy.

How long is each day's session, and is there a total number of hours required for the entire course?

Each day's session lasts 4–5 hours. The course spans 5 days, totaling 20–25 hours.

What's the difference between restorative justice and traditional victim services?

Traditional services often focus on compensation and punishment, while restorative justice emphasizes healing, reconciliation, and active victim participation in justice processes.



How This Course is Different from Other Victimology Courses:

This course blends academic rigor with hands-on field practice, using key texts such as *Victimology: The Essentials*, *Justice for Victims*, and *The Handbook of Restorative Justice*. Unlike programs that are heavily theory-based, this course emphasizes practical tools, interactive simulations, and real case studies from humanitarian contexts.

It aims not only to inform but also to equip participants with tangible skills in crime victim support training, trauma-informed advocacy, and policy development. With a special focus on international comparative frameworks, including UN and ICRC guidelines, this program prepares professionals to work across borders and in transitional justice settings.

Participants gain exposure to restorative justice models, psychological support systems, and digital victimization prevention—making this course globally relevant, impact-driven, and survivor-centered.