It's important to study victim and offender behavior as these dynamics intersect during the commission of a crime. Why did a particular offender choose a specific victim at a certain place and time? What makes some victims more vulnerable to criminal activity/predation than others? This course will explore these dynamics through examination of cases involving crimes against adults and children.

Crimes Against Children will include child abduction and child sexual victimization/exploitation. The course will examine why children are abducted or reported to be missing in an effort to cover-up a homicide. Students will learn how child sex offenders use the internet to facilitate both exploitation and hands-on offenses. Students will learn about the importance of victimology in crimes against children as well as offender behavior and typologies of sex offenders.

Crimes Against Adults will include stalking, sexual assault and homicide. The course will examine the importance of victimology and victim/offender interactions. The topic of psychopathy and its impact on criminal behavior will be explored. Students will learn about tools used in the behavioral sciences to assess criminal behavior and to conduct risk assessments.

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