

VICTIM ADVOCACY

*In honor of those who have fallen victim to crime.
In memory of those whose lives have ended too soon.
Dedicated to those who work to make the world a better place.*

This intensive print based program is designed to train and qualify students to provide assistance to crime victims. The course provides an overview of criminal procedure and discusses the devastating effects crime can have on its victims.

EXPECTATIONS: 70% is the minimum passing score on all assignments for this course. Students have six months to complete this course. Students may consider working ahead in the curriculum if they have the time. This course is the equivalent of at least 50 course contact hours.

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LESSON TOPICS:

Lesson One: Introduction Victim Advocacy and Legislation regarding Victim Rights

Lesson Two: Introduction to the Legal Process and Effects of Victimization on the Victim

Lesson Three: Victim Advocate Skills and "ISMs" (a look at bias in victim advocacy)

Lesson Four: Assault, Battery, and Robbery and Homicide & Suicide

Lesson Five: Domestic Violence

Lesson Six: Sexual Assault/Rape and Child Abuse

Lesson Seven: Job Hunting Techniques

ASSIGNMENTS: For each lesson you will submit a 50-point short answer/essay assignment covering the topics in that lessons reading.

TESTS: You will complete two exams. Each is worth 100 points. The first exam is due with your lesson four assignments; the last exam is due with your lesson six assignments.

DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENTS: You will also submit your responses to six discussion assignments.

All lesson objectives, assignments, and tests can be found in the Study Guide.

GRADING

Your grade will be based on your completion of six writing assignments, two tests, and six discussion assignments. Participating in the discussion assignments will enhance your understanding of the reading material.

Your final grade will be figured as follows:

- The six writing assignments are worth 50 points each and comprise 40% of your grade.
- The two exams are worth 100 points each and comprise 40% of your grade.
- Discussion assignments are worth 10 points each and comprise 20% of your grade.

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:

All assignments are to be mailed to: The Center for Legal Studies, 523 Park Point Drive, Ste. 320, Golden, CO 80401 or emailed to assignments@legalstudies.com. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with mailed assignments if you wish to have them returned to you. Questions regarding assignments, tests, or

discussion assignments are to be sent via email to assignments@legalstudies.com, by mail to The Center for Legal Studies, 523 Park Point Dr., Ste. 320, Golden, CO 80401 or by phone at 1-800-522-7737.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students have **30 days** from the date they register for the text-only course to drop the class and receive a full refund. Materials (books and all printed handouts) must be received by CLS in new condition prior to the 30 day deadline to receive a full refund. Books may be returned to CLS within 30 days from the date of purchase for a refund less the cost of shipping.

If students drop the class **after 30 days** from registration date, no refund will be issued.

Students may drop the course with a full tuition refund if written notice is sent to The Center for Legal Studies by mail within one month of receiving all materials for the course. No refund will be issued for tuition after this date. Books may be returned to CLS for a refund less the cost of shipping.

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