



Department
Criminology

Study year of students
Honours

Credits: 16

Module offered during
Second semester (with a preparatory programme in the first semester)

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KRM648 & KRM668

Victimology and Juvenile Delinquency

Brief description

The service learning component is integrated into the module in the second semester (Juvenile Delinquency). Students, however, start visiting the Justice Centre in the first semester (Victimology). In the first six months they learn about the process of service learning and are also introduced to the inner workings of the Centre. Students work with four groups during the year. Two groups consist of youth incarcerated in secure care and the other two groups comprise of youths who are diverted away from the justice system. Students present the “Take a lead in life” programme, which entails guiding them towards making responsible choices in life. Students visit the centre twice a week.

Community partners

Young people incarcerated or diverted into programmes at Mangaung One-Stop Child Justice Centre

Service sector partners

- Free State Department of Correctional Services
- Mangaung One-Stop Child Justice Centre

Service learning component

Students embark on the service learning journey in response to the identified challenges of the community partner and present programmes to address the challenges and assist in achieving

their goals. Students integrate the knowledge that they gained from Victimology and Juvenile Delinquency together with undergraduate knowledge. They also learn from the young people they interact with and gain valuable insight from the experience in order to reach them better.

Outcomes for students

Students should be able to apply knowledge, specifically theory, in a practical context. This cultivates civic responsibility and develops skills that will be used once they enter a work environment. Students furthermore get the opportunity to network with professionals in various fields relevant to their future careers.

Impact on community

The students assist staff employed at the Mangaung One-Stop Child Justice Centre by presenting uniquely developed and adapted programmes in response to the needs of the youth. This leads to more effective intervention in the lives of these young persons. The young people provide valuable feedback on the programme, which can be implemented in future interventions.