

IMPACTS ON VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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The Graduate Certificate in Impacts on Victims and Offenders aims to provide students with a broad perspective on the effects of crime and the criminal justice system on both victims and offenders. The certificate program introduces students to the field of victimology, its historical developments, and its application in creating victim profiles, threat assessments, and safety planning strategies, while also examining the victim's role in the criminal justice system, from investigation to intervention. The program also explores theories, research, and policies related to courts and sentencing decisions, including the death penalty. This 9-credit graduate certificate consists of three elective courses from the Master of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration (MPS CJPA) program.

Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward the M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Effective Semester: Fall 2025

Ending Semester: Spring 2030