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S.81-155

MEMORANDUM

To Senate

From Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

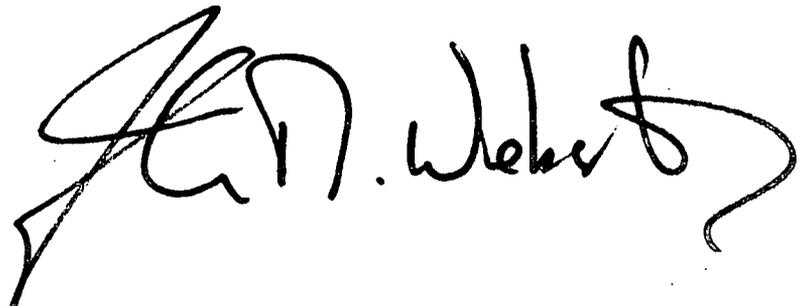
Subject... Criminology - NEW COURSE  
CRIM 411-3, Crime and Victimization of the Elderly

Date November 18, 1981

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 3, 1981 gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION: "That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.81-155 , the proposed new course  
CRIM 411-3, Crime and Victimization of the Elderly."

In discussion it was indicated that this course is intended as part of the regular offerings of the Department, but it also is intended that the course be a component of the proposed Diploma Program in Gerontology.



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SCUS 81-14  
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MEMORANDUM

To..... Mr. H.M. Evans, Registrar and  
Secretary to the Senate Cmte.  
..... on Undergraduate Studies.....

From..... Janet Blanchet, Secretary to the  
Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies  
..... Undergraduate Curriculum Committee..

Subject.....

Date..... September 14, 1981.....

New Course Proposal  
CRIM 411-3, Crime and Victimization of  
the Elderly  
I.S.C. 81-14

The above-named course was considered and approved at a meeting of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies held on September 1, 1981. This course is intended as part of the regular course offerings of the Department of Criminology, but it is intended that, should the Diploma Program in Gerontology be approved, CRIM 411-3 will also become a component of that Program.

You will note from the attached copies that this new course proposal was circulated by the Chairman of the Criminology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee to the Library and the other faculties.

I am forwarding this course to you for inclusion on the next agenda of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

J. J. Blanchet

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attachments

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL FORM

1. Calendar Information

Department: CRIMINOLOGY

Abbreviation Code: CRIM Course Number: 411 Credit Hours: 3.0 Vector: 2-1-0

Title of Course: Crime and Victimization of the Elderly

Calendar Description of Course: The elderly in conflict with the law: Analysis of specific behavioral changes associated with old age likely to bring the elderly person in conflict with the law. Analysis of certain types of offences sometimes committed by old people. Treatment and prevention strategies. The elderly as victims: Proneness and vulnerability to victimization, patterns of victimization, individual and environmental correlates of victimization, consequences of victimization, fear of victimization. Treatment and preventive

Nature of Course strategies.

Lecture/Seminar

Prerequisites (or special instructions):

CRIM 101

What course (courses), if any, is being dropped from the calendar if this course is approved: None

2. Scheduling

How frequently will the course be offered? once a year

Semester in which the course will first be offered? Fall 1982 or Spring 1983

Which of your present faculty would be available to make the proposed offering possible? E. Fattah, V. Sacco, and others in the Criminology Department

3. Objectives of the Course Demographic forecasts indicate that Canada can expect to have 3.3 million senior citizens (65 years and over) by the end of the century. The specific problems of this particular age group have to be dealt with. Professionals should have, as part of their training and studies, courses dealing with those aspects of aging related to their disciplines. This course is intended for criminology students who are interested in the criminological and victimological problems of old age.

4. Budgetary and Space Requirements (for information only)

What additional resources will be required in the following areas:

Faculty

Staff

Library

Audio Visual

Space

Equipment

No additional resources will be required.

5. Approval

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 81

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S. A. Van der ...  
Department Chairman

P. J. Brennan  
Dean

[Signature]  
Chairman, SCUS

## COURSE OUTLINE

### CRIMINOLOGY 411-3: Crime and Victimization of the Elderly

#### Calendar Description:

The elderly in conflict with the law: analysis of specific behavioral changes associated with old age likely to bring the elderly person in conflict with the law. Analysis of certain types of offences sometimes committed by old people. Treatment and prevention strategies.

The elderly as victims = proneness and vulnerability to victimization, patterns of victimization, individual and environmental correlates of victimization, consequences of victimization, fear of victimization. Treatment and preventive strategies.

#### Objectives of the Course:

The course will deal with the criminological and victimological problems associated with old age. The student will gain insight into the behavioral changes likely to bring the elderly person in conflict with the law and the factors that predispose the elderly to criminal victimization. Particular emphasis will be placed on the fear of victimization among senior citizens and special attention will be devoted to the practical applications of scientific knowledge in this area, in particular to treatment and prevention strategies.

#### Course Outline:

##### Introduction

##### Part One: The Elderly in Conflict with the Law

- behavioral changes associated with old age.
- criminality of old people: a. a quantitative analysis  
b. phenomenological and etiological analyses.
- the elderly criminal in the court.
- treating the old criminal.
- preventing crimes of old age.

##### Part Two: The Elderly as Victims

- criminal victimization of the aged: a. quantitative analysis  
b. phenomenological analysis.

- proneness and vulnerability to victimization.
- environmental and individual correlates of victimization.
- consequences of victimization.
- fear of victimization.
- services to the elderly victim.
- reducing the impact of crime against the elderly.
- preventing the criminal victimization of the elderly.

Readings:

- Goldsmith J. and Goldsmith, S. S. (1976). Crime and the elderly- challenge and response. Lexington: D.C. Heath and Company.
- Crime against the elderly: a study in victimology. (1976) Santa Cruz, California: Davis Publishing Company. (Paul Hahn).
- Rifai, M. A. (ed.) (1977). Justice and older Americans. Lexington: D.C. Heath and Company.
- U.S. Congress, House Select Committee on Aging. Research into crimes against the elderly. (Parts I and II).
- U.S. Congress - House Subcommittee on Federal State and Community Service. Several Reports. Government Printing Office 1977.
- Parks, R. and C. Unger (1977). Crime against the aging - patterns and prevention. Washington, Midwest Research Institute.
- Ducoumy, A. (1969) Billion dollar swindle - Frauds against the elderly. New York, N.Y.: Fleet Press Corporation.



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## MEMORANDUM

To.....Dr. S. Verduo-Jones.....  
.....Chairman, Criminology Dept.....  
Subject.....

From.....Marilyn Bowman, Chairman.....  
.....Dept. of Psychology.....  
Date.....September 3, 1981.....

The Undergraduate Studies Committee has studied the proposed course Crim. 411-3 (Crime and the Elderly) and has decided that course content does not overlap with psychology courses.



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c.c. W. Turnbull,  
Chairman, Undergraduate Studies Committee.