

### **Criminal Justice and Victims' Treatment (188) / V. Vlachou**

Victims' treatment by the criminal justice system is the basic subject of the course. Victims' position in the above system, their rights at the specific phases of the criminal procedure and International Organizations' initiatives are some of the topics that are presented. These perspectives are analyzed with characteristic references to theoretical and empirical data. The above themes are approached by the way that authorities react towards incidents and victims. The outline of the course is complemented by the study of a specific case: the women/victims of physical violence.

The basic aims of the course are summarized to the following: a. comprehension of the way that criminal justice system operates b. knowledge of victims' rights in the above phases of the criminal procedure and c. public's and victims' role in the activation of the formal social control of crime.

During the course, educational visits to courts and references to specific judicial practices are some of the techniques that are used for the achievement of the course's aims.