Criminal Justice

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Offered by the School of Public Affairs
Major in criminal justice with the B.S. degree in applied arts and sciences.

The Major
The purpose of the criminal justice program is to provide current and future decision-makers in criminal justice with the foundation for critical and balanced as well as responsible and effective administrative responses to crime. As the systems designed to deliver justice services are continually asked to accomplish more with fewer resources, the need for able and professional administrators becomes more pressing. The mission of the program is to provide graduates with the background knowledge and skills to meet these challenges.

Criminal justice majors with the B.S. degree have typically found employment in local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies or in private business or security positions (e.g., loss prevention). At the local level, graduates can begin service in various capacities with police, sheriff’s and marshal’s offices, probation, county supervisors, city administration, and criminal justice planning agencies. At the state level, graduates may enter the Highway Patrol, Alcohol Beverage Control, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Corrections, California Youth Authority, or related agencies. At the federal level, graduates are employed in agencies such as the FBI, Customs Service, Border Patrol, Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Agency, Naval Intelligence Service, Defense Investigative Services, Homeland Security, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

A significant number of graduates of this degree program also enter law school after graduation or go on to graduate programs.

Impacted Program
The criminal justice major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the criminal justice major, students must meet the following criteria:

a. Complete with a grade of C (2.0) or better: Political Science 102; Sociology 101 and 102; and a 3-unit course in elementary statistics. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
b. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
c. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.80 or better.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements described in the catalog in effect at the time they are admitted to the criminal justice major, students must meet the following:

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
Criminal justice-role of law in society, definition and explanations of criminal behavior, criminal justice system, methods of research, and policy.

CJ 301. Law in Society (3)
Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
Theoretical study of law in society from classical social theorists. Major movements in legal studies during the last century. Comparative systems of law.

CJ 302. Crime and Behavior (3)
Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
Major disciplinary paradigms used both to explain criminal behavior and to inform official criminal justice policy.

CJ 303. Criminal Justice and Social Control (3)
Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Criminal Justice 300.
Interrelationship of social control, social policy and administration of criminal justice in contemporary American society.

CJ 305. Professions and Ethics (3)
Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
Professional roles and responsibilities of practitioners and administrators in criminal justice agencies, including consideration of the ethical responsibilities of criminal justice practitioners.

Criminal Justice Major
With the B.S. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 21051) (SIMS Code: 666925)

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements in the section of this catalog on “Graduation Requirements.”

A minor is not required with this major, but is allowed.

Preparation for the Major
Political Science 102, Sociology 101 and 102, and a three-unit course in elementary statistics (e.g., Sociology 201, Statistics 119, 250); (12 units)

These prerequisite courses may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade in each class is C.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement
Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See “Graduation Requirements” section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major
A minimum of 36 upper division units to include Criminal Justice 300, 301, 302, 303, 540, and one criminal justice practice course selected from Criminal Justice 497, 498, 543, 550; International Security and Conflict Resolution 450. Additionally, students must complete two upper division three-unit elective courses in public administration. Students must complete 12 additional upper division units in accordance with the major academic plan, to include a minimum of six units of criminal justice electives.

Master Plan
Students should follow the Master Plan Advising Guide to ensure completion of major requirements. Contact the School of Public Affairs for a copy of the guide or download it at http://spa.sdsu.edu.

Courses (CJ)
Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)

CJ 300. Crime, Law, and Justice (3)
Prerequisite: Admission to the major or consent of instructor (nonmajors only).
Criminal justice-role of law in society, definition and explanations of criminal behavior, criminal justice system, methods of research, and policy.

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CJ 310. Law Enforcement (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Administrative relationships within the criminal justice process
   with special reference to problems of courts and police and proba-
   tion agencies.

CJ 320. Criminal Law (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Constitutional law principles as implemented in criminal courts
   with emphasis on critical analysis of factual situations and the argu-
   ment of legal issues in criminal cases from both defense and pros-
   ecution perspectives.

CJ 321. Juvenile Justice (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Assessment of the structure and functions of agencies and insti-
   tutions which comprise the juvenile justice system in America; evo-
   lution of policies and programs for prevention of delinquency and
   treatment of the juvenile offender.

CJ 330. Corrections (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Contemporary policies and practices of local, state, and federal
   correctional agencies, influence of reform movements, and the in-
   terrelationship of corrections with other criminal justice system
   components.

CJ 333. The Judiciary (3)
   Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 300 and Public Administration
   301.
   Significant developments at state and federal levels, includ-
   ing court unification and financing, leadership, congestion, train-
   ing, selection, tenure, discipline, removal and retirement of court
   related personnel; and technological applications.

CJ 420. Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Constitutional legal theories and principles, especially the
   Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments to the Constitution, as
   they affect criminal justice procedures and practices.

CJ 431. Field Study in Local Corrections (3) Cr/NC
   Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 330; 18 years of age; no convic-
   tions or pending charges.
   Structure, function, and mission of local prisons and jails. Legal
   authority under which accused and convicted offenders are detained.
   Prison life, prison culture, gangs, and survival behind bars. Lives and careers of correctional staff. On-site visits.

CJ 496. Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)
   Selected current topics in criminal justice. See Class Schedule
   for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296,
   496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Maximum
   credit six units.

CJ 497. Investigation and Report (3)
   Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and senior standing.
   Using library, Internet, and empirical research. Analysis of cur-
   rent criminal justice policy issues.

CJ 498. Internship in Criminal Justice (2-6) Cr/NC
   Students are assigned to various government agencies and work
   under joint supervision of agency heads and the course instructor.
   Participation in staff and internship conferences. Maximum credit
   six units.

CJ 499. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC
   Prerequisites: Twelve units of upper division criminal justice and
   consent of instructor.
   Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

CJ 510. Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 310.
   Assessment of problems confronting administrators of law
   enforcement agencies and of recent efforts to enhance the capabil-
   ity of agencies to control criminal activity while guarding individual
   liberties.

CJ 520. Prosecutorial Function (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Prosecutor’s function at local, state, and federal levels and in
   selected foreign nations, including appraisal of proposed national
   standards and goals for prosecutors.

CJ 531. Probation and Parole (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Basic concepts, history, legislation, and practices used in work
   with juveniles and adults who have been placed on probation or
   parole; criteria of selection, methods of supervision, and elements
   of case reporting.

CJ 540. Applied Planning, Research, and Program Evaluation in
   Criminal Justice (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Application of planning, research, program development, and
   evaluation principles to field of criminal justice.

CJ 543. Community Resources in Criminal Justice (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Present and probable roles of public and private agencies and
   volunteers in criminal justice.

CJ 550. Study Abroad: Criminal Justice (3)
   Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 301 and upper division standing.
   Selected topics in comparative criminal justice. Course taught
   abroad. May be repeated once with new content. See Class Sched-
   ule for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

CJ 570. Organized Crime: Domestic and International
   Perspectives (3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Interdisciplinary analysis of organized crime’s impact on criminal
   justice and public policy on both domestic and international levels.

CJ 571. Drugs: Domestic and International Perspectives (3)
   Prerequisite: Upper division major or graduate standing.
   Interdisciplinary social science analysis of illicit drug use, mar-
   kets, and trafficking. Comparative assessment of the efforts of state
   and non-state actors to regulate, counter, and disrupt illicit drug
   use, markets, and trafficking.

CJ 572. Dark Networks, Crime, and Security (3)
   Prerequisites: Upper division major or graduate standing and
   Criminal Justice 570.
   Advanced interdisciplinary social science analysis of social net-
   works engaged in criminal activity and intelligence and security
   policies, as well as the actors that comprise these networks. Social
   network and structural analysis methods.

CJ 596. Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)
   Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
   Selected current topics in criminal justice. May be repeated with
   new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum
   credit six units. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496,
   596 courses applicable to a bachelor’s degree.

GRADUATE COURSES
Refer to the Graduate Bulletin.