

# Criminal Justice

IN THE COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS

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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:

- 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);
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- 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 accepted into the premajor or major at SDSU and must be continuously enrolled.

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education courses will also fulfill a major preparation course requirements.

## Criminal Justice Major

With the B.S. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences

**(Major Code: 21051) (SIMS Code: 666925)**

**(SIMS Code: 666927 - SDSU World Campus)**

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

The criminal justice major is also offered fully online through admission to the SDSU World Campus criminal justice degree completion program.

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 practicum 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 [https://spa.sdsu.edu/student\\_experience/advising](https://spa.sdsu.edu/student_experience/advising).

## 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.

#### **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.

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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 probation 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 argument of legal issues in criminal cases from both defense and prosecution perspectives.

### **CJ 321. Juvenile Justice (3)**

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.

Assessment of the structure and functions of agencies and institutions which comprise the juvenile justice system in America; evolution 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 interrelationship of corrections with other criminal justice system components.

### **CJ 333. The Judiciary (3)**

Actors, institutions, and rules that define the judicial branch of government in the United States. Role of judges and judicial decision-making, trial process, and court unification and financing.

### **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 convictions 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 current 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 capability 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 Schedule* 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, markets, 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 networks 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 583. Cultural Criminology (3)**

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 302.

Cultural expressions and meanings of law breaking, law enforcement, and law making.

### **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.

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## GRADUATE COURSES

Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.