
Criminal Justice and Criminology

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Associateships

Graduate teaching associateships and graduate assistantships are available to a limited number of qualified students. Please speak with program director for more information.

General Information

The School of Public Administration and Urban Studies in the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, in conjunction with the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Letters, offer graduate study leading to the Master of Science degree in criminal justice and criminology.

Students pursuing a Master of Science degree in criminal justice and criminology will master criminological theory and quantitative research methods and will learn to apply the theory and methods to real-world research and policy issues. Students will also examine criminal justice policy issues at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Research facilities include the Institute of Public and Urban Affairs and the Social Science Research Laboratory. The San Diego metropolitan region affords significant research and internship opportunities for the graduate student in federal, state, and local agencies as well as in community-based organizations.

Admission to Graduate Study

All students must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the University with classified graduate standing, as described in Part Two of this bulletin. Students must also satisfy the following requirements: (1) a 3.0 grade point average in the undergraduate major and a 3.00 overall grade point average; (2) an acceptable score on the GRE General Test; (3) two letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with the student's academic work and/or employment performance; and (4) a 500 word essay addressing professional and educational goals.

Students are expected to have undergraduate proficiency in the following four areas: (1) basic knowledge of the criminal justice system; (2) basic knowledge of criminological theory; (3) statistics; and (4) research methods.

Students whose preparation is deemed insufficient by the graduate adviser may be admitted as conditionally classified and will be required to complete specified courses in addition to the minimum required for this degree.

Students applying for admission should electronically submit the University application available at www.csumentor.edu.

In addition, the following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to the School of Public Administration/Master of Criminal Justice and Criminology:

- (1) Two sets of official transcripts (in sealed envelopes);
- (2) GRE General Test score;
- (3) Two letters of reference;
- (4) 500-word essay describing your professional and educational goals.

Mail or deliver your complete admissions package to:

School of Public Administration/
Master of Criminal Justice and Criminology
(Attention: Dr. Natalie R. Pearl)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4505

Advancement to Candidacy

All students must satisfy the general requirements for advancement to candidacy as described in Part Two of this bulletin.

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science Degree

(Major Code: 22091)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree in Part Two of this bulletin, students must complete an officially approved

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course of study as outlined below. Students must earn a minimum grade point average of B (3.0) in the master's program and no less than a B- grade in each core course. All students in this program will complete a thesis under the direction of a faculty adviser. All faculty listed are eligible to be thesis advisers.

Graduate Program (Core)

Twenty-four units of graduate level courses to include:

CJA 601	Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3)
CJA 602	Seminar in the Criminal Justice System as a Social Institution (3)
CJA 604	Seminar in Criminal Justice and Urban Administration (3)
SOC 602	Advanced Research Methods (3)
SOC 743	Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice Theory (3)
SOC 760	Seminar in Research Methods (3)
CJA 797	Research in Criminal Justice Administration (3) Cr/NC/RP
OR	
SOC 796*	Field Practicum (3) Cr/NC
CJA 799A	Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
OR	
SOC 799A	Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

* Internship strongly recommended for students who have not had research or practical experience in professional criminal justice field.

Electives: A minimum of six additional units of 500, 600, or 700-level courses in criminal justice administration, public administration, sociology, or related fields selected in conjunction with the graduate adviser from the following:

CJA 520	Prosecutorial Function in Administration of Justice (3)
CJA 531	Probation and Parole (3)
CJA 540	Applied Planning, Research and Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice Administration (3)
CJA 543	Community Resources in Criminal Justice Administration (3)
CJA 791	Seminar in Readings in Criminal Justice Administration (3)
Pol S 577	Principles of International Law (3)
P A 604	Methods of Analysis in Public and Urban Affairs (3)
P A 606	Seminar in Quantitative Approaches to Public Administration (3)
P A 660	Administration and Public Policy Development (3)
SOC 601	Advanced Social Theory (3)
SOC 700	Seminar in Social Theory (3)
WMNST 572	Women and Violence (3)

Course descriptions for courses can be found in the section of this bulletin under the appropriate heading.

Drama

Refer to "Theatre Arts" in this section of the bulletin.