
Criminal Justice and Criminology

In the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies
and the Department of Sociology

In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts and
In the College of Arts and Letters

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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 <http://www.csumentor.edu> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies.

Graduate Admissions

The following materials should be submitted as a complete package directly to:

Graduate Admissions
Enrollment Services
San Diego State University
San Diego, CA 92182-7416

(1) Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) from all postsecondary institutions attended;

Note:

- Students who attended SDSU need only submit transcripts for work completed since last attendance.
- Students with international coursework must submit both the official transcript and proof of degree. If documents are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

(2) GRE scores (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682);

(3) TOEFL score, if medium of instruction was in a language other than English (<http://www.ets.org>, SDSU institution code 4682).

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School of Public Administration and Urban Studies

The following materials should be mailed or delivered to:
School of Public Administration and Urban Studies/
Master of Criminal Justice and Criminology
(Attention: Dr. Jeffrey S. McIlwain)
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-4505

- (1) Two letters of reference;
- (2) 500-word essay describing your professional and educational goals.

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 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 (30 units total)

Substantive Courses (15 units required):

CJA 601	Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3)
CJA 602	Seminar in the Criminal Justice System as a Social Institution (3)
CJA 603	Seminar in Community and Restorative Justice (3)
CJA 604	Seminar in Criminal Justice and Urban Administration (3)
CJA 605	Seminar in Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence (3)

Research Methods Courses (6 units required):

PA 604	Methods of Analysis in Public and Urban Affairs (3)
PA 606	Seminar in Quantitative Approaches to Public Administration (3)

Criminal Justice and Criminological Theory (3 units required):

SOC 743	Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice Theory (3)
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Electives (3 units: Select one with approval of graduate adviser):

CJA 543	Community Resources in Criminal Justice Administration (3)
CJA 570	Organized Crime: Domestic and International Perspectives (3)
CJA 797	Research in Criminal Justice Administration (3) Cr/NC/RP
PA 660	Administration and Public Policy Development (3)
POL S 577	Principles of International Law (3)
SOC 601	Advanced Social Theory: Core Course (3)
SOC 796*	Field Practicum (3) Cr/NC
WMNST 572	Women and Violence (3)

Thesis (3 units required):

CJA 799A	Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
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SOC 799A	Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP
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* Internship strongly recommended for students who have not had research or practical experience in professional criminal justice field.

Course descriptions for courses can be found in the Public Administration section of this bulletin and under the other appropriate headings.

Dance

Refer to "Music and Dance" in this section of the bulletin.