

Criminal Justice Administration

In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

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Offered by the School of Public Affairs

Major in criminal justice administration with the B.S. degree in applied arts and sciences.

The Major

The purpose of the criminal justice administration 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. 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 and more pressing. The mission of the department is to provide graduates with the background and ability to meet this challenge.

Criminal justice administration majors with the B.S. degree have typically found employment at entry-level positions in local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies or in private business or security positions (e.g., loss prevention officer). 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, and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

A significant number of graduates of this degree program also enter law school after graduation.

Impacted Program

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

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: Criminal Justice Administration 200; Political Science 102; Sociology 101 and 150; 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 2.60 or higher; and
- Students not meeting the minimum GPA requirements may petition for special consideration.

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 Web site 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 Administration Major

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

(Major Code: 21051)

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. Criminal Justice Administration 200, Political Science 102, Sociology 101 and 150, and a three-unit course in elementary statistics (e.g., Sociology 201, Statistics 250). (15 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 Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above 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 one criminal justice practicum course selected from Criminal Justice Administration 430 (Offered only in Extension), 496 (Russian Criminal Justice Systems – Offered only in Extension), 497, 498, 543, International Security and Conflict Resolution 450. Additionally, students must complete Criminal Justice Administration 301, 540; Public Administration 301; and six elective units in public administration selected from upper division public administration courses. Students must complete 18 additional upper division units in accordance with the major academic plan including nine upper division units in criminal justice administration courses.

Master Plan. Students should follow the Master Plan Advising Guide to ensure completion of major requirements. Contact the School for a copy of the guide.