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# 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. 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 department is to provide graduates with the background and ability to meet this challenge.

Criminal justice 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). 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 or higher: 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 2.60 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 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.** Political Science 102, Sociology 101 and 102, and a three-unit course in elementary statistics (e.g., Sociology 201, Statistics 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 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 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 300, 301, 302, 303, 540; Public Administration 301; and six upper division elective units in public administration. Students must complete nine additional upper division units in accordance with the major academic plan.

**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 or download it at <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap>.

## Courses (CJ)

*Refer to Curricula and Courses 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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 301.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 305.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 310.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 320.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 321.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 330.)

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

Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 300 and Public Administration 301.

Significant developments at state and federal levels, including court unification and financing, leadership, congestion, training, selection, tenure, discipline, removal and retirement of court-related personnel; and technological applications. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 333.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 420.)

**CJ 430. Prisons in Theory and Practice (3) Cr/NC  
(Offered only in Extension)**

Two lectures and 40 hours of supervised activity.

Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 300 and consent of instructor.

Design and operation of state and federal prisons in California from the perspective of staff and inmates. Onsite study and critique of facilities. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 430.)

**CJ 431. Field Study in Local Corrections (3) Cr/NC**

One lecture and four hours of activity.

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. Senior Thesis (3)**

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and senior standing.

Using library, Internet, and empirical research. Analysis of current criminal justice policy issues. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 497.)

**CJ 498. Internship in Criminal Justice (2-6) Cr/NC**

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and senior standing.

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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 498.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 510.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 520.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 531.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 540.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 543.)

**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. (Formerly numbered Criminal Justice Administration 570.)

**GRADUATE COURSES  
Refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*.**