Criminal Justice
In the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts

OFFICE: Professional Studies and Fine Arts 100
TELEPHONE: 619-594-6224 / FAX: 619-594-1165

Faculty
Emeritus: Boostrom, Gazell, Gitchoff, Henderson, Rea, Sutton
Director: Henry
Professor: Henry
Associate Professors: Kaplan, McIlwain, Mobley, Nurge, Sabath
Assistant Professor: Chanin

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:

a. 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);

b. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;

c. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the major 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)

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 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 430, 497, 498, 543, 550; International Security and Conflict Resolution 450. Additionally, 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 for a copy of the guide or download it at http://spa.sdsu.edu/web/index.php/academic_programs/criminal_justice_undergraduate_program.

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 admin-
istrators in criminal justice agencies, including consideration of the
ethical responsibilities of criminal justice practitioners.

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 institu-
tions 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)
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.

CJ 420. Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.
Contemporary constitutional issues, as well as the actors that comprise
these networks. Social

CJ 430. Prisons in Theory and Practice (3) Cr/NC
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.

CJ 431. Field Study in Local Corrections (3) Cr/NC
Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 330; 18 years of age; no convic-
tions 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.