
Criminal Justice and Criminology

In the School of Public Affairs 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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Assistantships

Graduate research assistantships, graduate teaching assistantships, and scholarships are available to a limited number of qualified students. Please speak with school director for more information. This program can prepare students for a career in college teaching.

General Information

The School of Public Affairs 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, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and will learn to apply 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 graduate students in federal, state, and local agencies as well as in community-based or non-profit 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 (verbal and quantitative); (3) two letters of recommendation from faculty or practitioners who are familiar with the student's academic work and/or employment performance; and (4) a 500-word essay addressing professional and educational goals and stating how a Master of Science degree in criminal justice and criminology will help to achieve these 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 (crime causation); (3) statistics; and (4) research methods.

Students whose preparation is deemed insufficient by the graduate adviser may be conditionally admitted 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.calstate.edu/apply> along with the \$55 application fee.

All applicants must submit admissions materials separately to SDSU Graduate Admissions and to the School of Public Affairs as specified below.

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.

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

School of Public Affairs

The following admissions materials must be submitted electronically via DecisionDesk, <http://gra.sdsu.edu/decisiondesk/> before April 1:

- (1) Letters of recommendation (two letters from persons familiar with the applicant's academic ability);
- (2) Personal statement (500 word essay) of professional and educational goals.

Advancement to Candidacy

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

Specific Requirements for the Master of Science Degree

(Major Code: 22091) (SIMS Code: 662001)

In addition to meeting the requirements for classified graduate standing and the basic requirements for the master's degree in Part Four 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 or project (Plan A) or comprehensive written examination (Plan B).

Graduate Program (33 units total)

Substantive Courses (15 units required):

CJ 601	Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 602	Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice System (3)
CJ 603	Seminar in Community and Restorative Justice (3)
CJ 604	Seminar in Criminal Justice and Urban Administration (3)
CJ 605	Seminar in Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence (3)

Research Methods Courses (6 units required):

P A 604	Methods of Analysis in Public and Urban Affairs (3)
P A 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 (6 units required):

CJ 570	Organized Crime: Domestic and International Perspectives (3)
CJ 796	Internship in Criminal Justice (3-12) Cr/NC
P A 660	Administration and Public Policy Development (3)
SOC 601	Advanced Classical Social Theory: Core Course (3)
SOC 608	Advanced Qualitative Methods: Core Course (3)
SOC 796	Field Practicum (3) Cr/NC

Criminal Justice or Sociology 500- to 700-level course (3)

Culminating Experience (3 units required):

Students must complete either a thesis or a comprehensive examination to graduate.

Plan A (Thesis):

CJ 799A Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

Plan B (Comprehensive Examination):

CJ 797 Research in Criminal Justice (3) Cr/NC/RP

Courses Acceptable for Master's Degree Program in Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJ)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CJ 550. Study Abroad: Criminal Justice (3)

Prerequisites: Criminal Justice 301 and upper division standing.

Selected topics in comparative criminal justice. Course taught abroad. May be repeated once with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

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.

CJ 571. Drugs: Domestic and International Perspectives (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division major or graduate standing.

Interdisciplinary social science analysis of illicit drug use, markets, and trafficking. Comparative assessment of the efforts of state and non-state actors to regulate, counter, and disrupt illicit drug use, markets, and trafficking.

CJ 572. Dark Networks, Crime, and Security (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division major or graduate standing and Criminal Justice 570.

Advanced interdisciplinary social science analysis of social networks engaged in criminal activity and intelligence and security policies, as well as the actors that comprise these networks. Social network and structural analysis methods.

CJ 596. Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 300.

Selected current topics in criminal justice. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

GRADUATE COURSES

CJ 601. Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3)

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 301.
Administrative problems of criminal justice systems.

CJ 602. Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice System (3)

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 301.
The criminal justice system as both cause and consequence of social change; nature of institutional change with application to criminal justice system components.

CJ 603. Seminar in Community and Restorative Justice (3)

Community and restorative justice movement from local, national, and international perspectives. Theories, policies, practices, and research associated with community and restorative justice.

CJ 604. Seminar in Criminal Justice and Urban Administration (3)

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 540.
Influences on crime control and criminal justice process of actions by urban administrators, legislators and private sector in areas such as housing, education, public health and transportation, and urban development policies.

CJ 605. Seminar in Juvenile Justice and Youth Violence (3)

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.
Juvenile justice system in U.S. and throughout the world. Responses to delinquency and youth violence. History and foundations of juvenile court, juvenile justice reforms, context, causes, and correlates of youth violence and gang involvement, including programs and policies designed to address these problems.

CJ 696. Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (3)

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 601 or 602.
Analysis of contemporary issues of major import to the administration of criminal justice. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

CJ 791. Seminar in Readings in Criminal Justice (3)

Prerequisite: Six graduate units in criminal justice.
Selected readings in the literature of criminal justice.

CJ 796. Internship in Criminal Justice (3-12) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Students will be assigned to various government agencies and will work under joint supervision of agency heads and the course instructor. Participation in staff and internship conferences. Maximum credit 12 units.

CJ 797. Research in Criminal Justice (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisite: Consent of coordinator of criminal justice.
Research in one of the areas of criminal justice administration. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

CJ 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisite: Consent of staff; to be arranged with coordinator and instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master's degree.

CJ 799A. Thesis (3) Cr/NC/RP

Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.
Preparation of a project or thesis for the master's degree.

CJ 799B. Thesis Extension (0) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP.
Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

CJ 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses.
Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master's degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.

Dance

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

Dual Language and English Learner Education

Refer to "Education" in this section of the bulletin.