**Program Overview**

**What is SDSU’s online degree completion program?**
SDSU’s Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice online degree completion program is designed so that students who satisfy all eligibility requirements for the program can graduate with a Criminal Justice major in as few as 51 credits.

**Is the Criminal Justice online degree program accredited?**
All of the degree programs and majors at SDSU (in-person and online) are accredited via the WASC Senior College and University Commission. The WSCUC is the regional accrediting agency that serves a diverse membership of public and private higher education institutions throughout California, Hawaii, and the Pacific as well as a number of international institutions.

**What does the Criminal Justice major offer me?**
SDSU’s Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Online Degree Completion Program is designed to encourage thoughtful exploration of the ways that criminal justice systems provide “justice,” or fail to do so. The program also focuses on criminal justice from a social justice perspective, allowing for the examination of policy issues as diverse as genocide, institutionalized racism, organized crime, and environmental destruction, in addition to traditional criminal justice issues. This degree appeals to students who are interested in working in the fields of law, law enforcement, probation and parole, corrections, or other social service agencies. This degree also prepares students for law school or graduate school in either criminal justice or a related field.

**What degree will I earn when I finish the program?**
Upon completion of the program, a student will be awarded the same degree on-campus students receive – the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. The diploma received and transcript will not distinguish that the program was completed online.

**Who will teach my courses?**
Courses are taught by the same faculty members who teach on-campus. Each professor has been trained to optimize the online learning experience for students.

**How is the program structured?**
The program is offered in a carousel model that’s designed to give our students more options and greater flexibility. All courses run in eight-week blocks. There are two blocks in each of the Fall and Spring semesters and one block during the Summer semester. There are four courses offered during each block.

Students taking two courses per block can complete the program in 22 months. The program also accommodates students who wish to accelerate their studies by taking up to 4 courses per block, which allows them to earn their degree in as little as 11 months. The program also accommodates those who wish to take courses on a part-time basis. Although students are expected to complete their courses by the end of the 8-week block in which they are offered, the online program is entirely self-paced, which means that students can either slow down by taking a lighter course load or speed up by taking a heavier course load.

**What’s a reasonable course load and how long will it take to complete the program?**
Each course lasts eight weeks. Students generally take four courses during one 16-week term, which allows them to focus on two courses for eight weeks at a time. On this schedule, students can complete the entire program in 22 months.

**Can I transfer in upper-division units I have earned at another university?**
Yes, but you will still be required to earn the equivalent number of units at SDSU.

**May I apply if I have already earned a Bachelors or advanced degree?**
No, applications to the online program for a second bachelor’s degree are not being accepted at this time.

**Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?**
No, this is a degree completion program. No additional majors or minors are permitted. Students completing the program will automatically have a minor in public administration.