The School of Public Affairs is a broad-reaching, multi-disciplinary academic unit offering five undergraduate and graduate degree programs in public administration, criminal justice and criminology, and city planning. Our student body and faculty embody diverse interests and backgrounds, but are bonded by concerns for achieving equitable and ethical social, institutional, and built environments.

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Online Degree Completion program, offered through our SDSU@Southwestern College program, is designed to encourage you to explore the ways in which criminal justice systems provide “justice,” or fail to do so. The program also focuses on criminal justice from a social justice perspective, which allows you to examine policy issues as diverse as genocide, institutionalized racism, organized crime, and environmental destruction, in addition to traditional criminal justice issues.

Program at a Glance

- A self-paced structure that gives you the ability to choose your course load
- On-site* instructional assistance, such as in-persion discussions and coursework guidance, at Southwestern College provided by SDSU
- Student support and academic advising services at Southwestern College, provided by SDSU
- Earn the same degree as SDSU’s on-campus students: a B.S. in Criminal Justice with an optional Minor in Public Administration from SDSU

*In-person components are available virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once restrictions are lifted and in-person education resumes at each site, these services will be provided on your community college campus.

Spring 2021 Application Period

- August 1–Oct. 15, 2020

B.S. in Criminal Justice Online FAQs

What are the admission requirements of the program?
To be fully qualified for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program, you must have 60 or more units (90 or more quarters) completed by the term prior to transfer. This includes completing 12 lower division preparation course units, as well as completing all lower division GE requirements with a grade of C- or higher. You must also have a 2.8+ GPA and satisfy all CSU requirements.

How is the program structured?
The online program is designed to be flexible, convenient, and accelerated. Courses run in eight-week blocks, so a full-time student can take six courses each term and focus on three courses per eight-week block. The program also accommodates students who want to take courses on a part-time basis. The program is entirely self-paced, which means that you have the option of slowing down by taking a lighter course load or speeding up by taking a heavier course load.

What degree will I earn when I finish the program?
You will earn a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an optional Minor in Public Administration. Your diploma and transcript will not distinguish that the program was completed online.

Can I apply for financial aid and scholarships?
Yes, for the latest information on financial aid and scholarships, visit sdsu.edu/financialaid.

What does the SDSU@Southwestern College Microsite program mean for me?
Earning your degree through our SDSU@Southwestern College Microsite program means that you’ll have full access to SDSU’s online degree completion program, with courses taught by SDSU faculty. You’ll also benefit from instructional support, student advising, and other services at Southwestern College provided by SDSU.

How much does the program cost?
The cost of the program for California residents and nonresidents is $469 per unit. This makes the total cost of the program range from $22,098 to $28,140, depending on the degree earned and the number of units required. Not included are the costs of required texts and learning materials as well as incidental fees related to a student’s application for admission and graduation.

Normally, students would also be responsible for fees related to Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) testing; however, the WPA requirement has been temporarily waived due to COVID-19. Please visit wpa.sdsu.edu for up-to-date information on this requirement.

How do I apply for admission to the online program?
Information about applying for admission to the program can be found at neverstoplearning.net/southwesterncollege.

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