

SDSU@Grossmont College FAQs



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When can I apply to this program? How do I apply to this program?

Fall Start Application Period:
Oct. 1–May 15

Spring Start Application Period:
June 1–Sept. 30

Please visit our website at neverstoplearning.net/grossmontcollege for the most up-to-date application instructions and admission requirements.

What are the admission requirements of these degree completion programs?

When applying to a program, you should have 60 or more semester units (90 or more quarter units) completed, along with the minimum GPA requirements and all CSU requirements satisfied. All admission requirements for the B.S. in Child Development and B.S. in Criminal Justice programs are located on our website at neverstoplearning.net/grossmontcollege. An ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) is not a requirement for program eligibility.

What does the child development degree completion program offer me?

SDSU's B.S. in Child Development degree completion program is led by renowned faculty and lecturers from SDSU's Department of Child and Family Development. This program is designed to help you understand the physical, cognitive, and social development of children in the context of families, communities, and culture.

The program examines how individuals develop throughout their lifespan, from birth through adolescence and into adulthood. You'll learn about the different social and cultural contexts in which children develop, including schools, families, and communities. You'll also learn about the role that special needs (e.g. developmental disorders), conflict, trauma, and family violence can play in development.

In addition to your online coursework, you'll complete a 120-hour community-based learning experience over an eight-week period at the end of your program, where you'll work with child and family service providers in the community.

What does the criminal justice degree completion program offer me?

Designed by SDSU's School of Public Affairs, the B.S. in Criminal Justice degree completion program is designed to help you explore the ways that criminal justice systems in the U.S. and throughout the world provide justice — or fail to do so. You'll carefully examine a range of policy issues as diverse as genocide, institutionalized racism, organized crime, and environmental destruction, as well as traditional criminal justice topics like criminal behavior, laws and law enforcement, investigation and reporting, and public administration.

You'll also have the option to apply for a Minor in Public Administration with your bachelor's degree.

How do I determine if I have the required prerequisites for the program?

If you'd like to speak to an Admissions Advisor at SDSU about program details or application instructions, please email admission.global@sdsu.edu. You can also schedule an appointment with an Admissions Advisor using the contact information at the bottom of this flyer.

You can also use [SDSU Tap](https://www.sdsu.edu/tap), [Assist.org](https://www.assist.org), or our [Transfer Admissions Information](#) page to determine if you have taken the equivalent prerequisite courses.

Can I work while completing the program?

Yes.



Want to Learn More?

Get in touch with Global Campus by emailing recruiter.global@sdsu.edu or calling **619-594-7700**. You can also contact Sarah Moore, your Transfer Center Coordinator from Grossmont College, at grossmont.transfer@gcccd.edu or **619-644-7215**.



Do you accept transfer credits into your program?

We accept courses from accredited colleges and universities that are designated as baccalaureate level at the institution where the work was completed. Some courses may be used to meet specific requirements in General Education or the major. Transferable courses that do not meet any specific requirement may be accepted as elective credits. More information can be found on our [Transfer Admissions Information](#) page.

How do I apply for financial aid?

You can apply for financial aid without applying for admission to SDSU. You should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for all types of state and federal aid. Learn more about [how to apply for financial aid](#), as well as the different types of [financial aid available to SDSU Global Campus students](#).

Are these programs 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 "WASC Senior College and University Commission" 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.

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Who teaches the classes? Are they SDSU faculty?

Courses in the online program are team-taught. Faculty who have demonstrated an ability to excel in their regular on-campus teaching assignments prepare all course material using the most current technology and tools. Facilitators who routinely teach the course on-campus or are subject area experts monitor the course's day-to-day delivery. Together, their goal is to bring to you the same academic rigor and content as courses taught on campus at SDSU.

How long do I have to complete the program?

Although each course is expected to be completed by the end of the block in which it is offered, these degree programs are entirely self-paced. This gives you the ability to slow down by taking a lighter course load or speed up by taking a heavier class load. At full capacity, you can complete the Child Development program in two years and the Criminal Justice program in 15 months.

How is the program structured?

Our degree programs are structured to be flexible and convenient. The programs are self-paced, which means that you can either slow down by taking a lighter course load or speed up by taking a heavier course load. Courses are also taught asynchronously, which means that you'll be able to complete the coursework on your schedule. As long as you complete all assignments and deliverables within the time period that the course is offered.

There are a few key differences in the structure of each program depending

on which degree you're earning. Each semester is broken up into blocks.

For our **criminal justice program**, there are three courses offered during each block. There are two 8-week blocks during the fall and spring semesters, and the summer semester contains two 6-week blocks. If you take two courses per block, you can complete the program in 22 months. You'll also have the ability to accelerate your studies by taking up to three courses per block, which allows you to earn your degree in as little as 15 months. The program also accommodates those who wish to take courses on a part-time basis.

For our **child development program**, all courses run in 8-week blocks. There are two blocks in each of the fall and spring semesters and one block during the summer semester. Only two courses are offered per block, which means that you can complete the program in as little as two years on a full-time schedule. The program also accommodates those who wish to take courses on a part-time basis.

The 120-hour community-based learning experience is held over an 8-week period at the end of your program. Students living outside of San Diego County must be able to travel to San Diego to fulfill these in-person requirements once in-person education resumes.

Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?

Our criminal justice program offers an optional minor in public administration. The child development program has no additional minors.



How much does the program cost?

The cost of our programs varies depending on which degree you're earning, how many units you've transferred in, and other factors. We encourage you to reach out to one of our admission advisors to discuss your academic plan in order to determine your individual cost. Please note that you're also responsible for the costs of required texts and learning materials, as well as incidental fees related to your application for admission and graduation.

Is it the same degree as SDSU's on-campus degree?

Upon completion of the program, you'll be awarded the same degree that on-campus students receive.

- Criminal Justice: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (with the option to apply for a Minor in Public Administration).
- Child Development: Bachelor of Science in Child Development

The diploma received and transcript will not distinguish that the program was completed online.

Are international students eligible to apply?

Not at this time.

What kind of disability accommodations will be in place for these programs?

Each student will be authorized for his or her unique set of accommodations based on individual needs. Please consult our **Overview of Services and Accommodations** for more information.

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When can I expect an admission decision?

Admission decisions will be made within two weeks of the application deadline.

What grades are required to graduate from these programs?

A minimum GPA of 2.4 for the Child Development program and 2.8 for the Criminal Justice program is required in the following areas:

- SDSU GPA
- Major GPA
- Cumulative GPA
- Minor GPA

We understand that every student's academic journey is unique, and we encourage you to contact one of our Student Service Representatives to find out what you'll need to successfully apply to the program.

What does the Grossmont College microsite program mean for me?

Earning your degree through our Grossmont College microsite program means that you'll have full access to SDSU's online degree completion program, with courses taught by tenured and tenure-tracked SDSU faculty. Upon completion, you'll receive the same degree as SDSU's on-campus students.

Will I get to walk in my graduation ceremony at SDSU?

Yes, you'll have the opportunity to walk in the commencement ceremonies and participate in other SDSU activities.



How is academic integrity maintained in the online program?

All SDSU students are expected to follow standards for student conduct. Dishonesty, to include cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty, are behaviors inconsistent with the university's **Student Code of Conduct**, which is accessible online.

SDSU adheres to a strict policy regarding cheating and plagiarism. Any cheating or plagiarism in a class results in failing that class and the possibility of further disciplinary review. Students in the online program must agree that all required written submissions will be subject to review by Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. To uphold the integrity of exams and tests and level the playing field for students who fear that their classmates may be unfairly cheating to get higher grades, students in the online program must also agree to allow the use of a remote proctoring service when taking assessments.