



What are the admission requirements of this program?

When applying to the 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. Eligibility to apply for the B.S. in Criminal Justice and B.A. in Communication programs are online. An ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) is not a requirement for program eligibility. The full admissions requirements for each program can be found at neverstoplearning.net/palomar.

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

Applications for fall 2021 opened on October 1, 2020. Applications for both programs close on April 30, 2021.

Please email the contacts listed at the end of this document for further information.

When can I expect an admission decision?

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

What does the Criminal Justice Degree Completion program offer me?

SDSU's Criminal Justice 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 is ideal for students who are interested in working in the fields of law, law enforcement, probation and parole, corrections, or other social service agencies. It will also prepare you for law school or graduate school in either criminal justice or a related field.

You'll also have an opportunity to earn an optional Minor in Public Administration.

What does the Communication Degree Completion program offer me?

SDSU's Communication program is a diverse applied arts and sciences program

that teaches you how to develop integrated, interactive, international, and intercultural communication strategies designed for the twenty-first century.

You'll learn how communication promotes civic engagement and allows for effective participation in today's global community. The program also focuses on social problems, giving you the tools you'll need to engage the issues facing our local and global community in a constructive manner. Graduates have launched careers in sales, government, human resources, training, education, and consulting. Many graduates have also decided to pursue advanced academic or professional degrees in fields such as law, management, and marketing.

May I apply if I have already earned a bachelor's or advanced degree?

No, applications to the online program for a second bachelor's degree are not being accepted at this time.

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

Please contact your Palomar College Transfer Center Director, P.J. DeMaris, at pdemaris@palomar.edu. You may also use **SDSU Tap** or **Assist.org** to determine if you have taken the equivalent prerequisite courses. You can also visit our **Transfer Admissions Information** page.

Do you accept transfer credits into your program?

SDSU will 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?

Students may apply for financial aid without applying for admission to the University. Students 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**.

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.

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 rigor and content as on-campus courses.

How is the program structured?

The program is structured to be flexible and convenient. Courses run in eight-week blocks, so a full-time student can take four courses each term, and still focus on just two in a block at any given time. The program also accommodates students who want to take courses on a part-time basis. Although courses are expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which they are offered, the program is entirely 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 taught asynchronously, so you'll be able to complete the work on your time when it's convenient for you within the due dates and deliverable dates.

How long do I have to complete the program?

Although each course is expected to be completed by the end of the 8-week block in which it is offered, the degree program is entirely self-paced to afford a student the option of slowing down by taking a lighter course load or speeding up by taking a heavier class load. At this rate, the program can be completed in six terms, or two years.

Can I work while completing the program?

Yes.

How much does the program cost?

The total estimated cost of the degree completion programs range from \$21,648 to \$31,965, depending on the degree earned and the number of units required. Students are also responsible for 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.

Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?

No, this is a degree completion program. No additional majors or minors are permitted. The criminal justice program also includes an optional Minor in Public Administration.

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

Upon completion of the program, a student will be awarded the same degree that on-campus students receive.

- Criminal Justice: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Communication: Bachelor of Arts in Communication

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

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.

Are international students eligible to apply?

Not at this time.

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What grades are required to graduate from the program?

A minimum of 2.0 is required in the following areas:

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

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.

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.

What does the SDSU@Palomar College program mean for me?

Earning your degree through our SDSU@Palomar College 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. You'll also benefit from on-site* instructional support, student advising, and other services at Palomar College provided by 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 at Palomar College.

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