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. Eligibility to apply for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice programs are online. An ADT (Associate Degree for Transfer) is not a requirement for program eligibility. The full admissions requirements can be found on the SDSU World Campus Admissions site.

When can I apply to this program? How do I apply to this program?
Applications for Fall 2020 will be opened on March 16, 2020 and close June 15, 2020. Applications will be submitted through Cal State Apply. Please email the contacts listed below for further information.

Who do I contact for more information about this program?
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When can I expect an admission decision?
Admission decisions for Fall 2020 will be made via email on or before June 30, 2020.

What does the Criminal Justice Degree Completion Program 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 does the Business Degree Completion Program offer me?

The General Business major provides an overview and fundamental working knowledge of the varied aspects of business. Students receive a broad and generalized understanding of the functions of a business and how the various sub-disciplines within business interact to contribute to the success of an organization. This degree appeals to students who are interested in many different business-related occupations, including project management, sales management, client-facing sales, business analysis, and marketing.

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.

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

You may use SDSU Tap or Assist.org to determine if you have taken the equivalent prerequisite courses.

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.

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.

SDSU’s Fowler College of Business (FCB) is fully accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

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. 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 course 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 cost of the program is $450 per unit for Business Administration and $469 per unit for Criminal Justice. This makes the total cost of the program range from $22,050 to $28,140, 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, Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) testing, and graduation.

Once admitted, may I add another major or minor?
No, this is a degree completion program. No additional majors or minors are permitted.

Is it the same degree as SDSU’s on-campus degree?
There is no differentiation between the face-to-face degree and online degree that’s awarded for General Business or Criminal Justice. Upon completion of the program, you’ll be awarded the same degree that on-campus students receive — a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (General Business) or a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University. The diploma will not say “online” degree.

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.

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
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 is the WPA and how will my performance on it affect me?
All undergraduate students must demonstrate competency in upper-division writing skills before graduating from SDSU with a bachelor’s degree. The Writing Placement Assessment (WPA) is a timed test used by SDSU to determine if a student’s writing skills fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).

Based on the test results, some students will require an additional writing course or courses in order to fulfill this requirement.

Is there any help available in preparing to take the WPA?
You can use the materials available on wpa.sdsu.edu. You can also write a practice essay and make an online appointment with a Writing Center tutor to discuss your essay. Start by registering with SDSU’s Writing Center by going to sdsu.mywconline.com and click on “register.” After you have submitted the form, you will have access to the online appointment center.

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