



## **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 BS. in Business Administration, 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/southwesterncollege](https://neverstoplearning.net/southwesterncollege).

## **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 the B.S. in Business Administration program close on May 15, 2021. Applications for the B.S. in Criminal Justice and B.A. in Communication 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 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.

An optional Minor in Public Administration is available to students within this program.

## **What does the Business Degree Completion program offer me?**

SDSU's General Business program 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. Positions available to graduates with a General Business major are those that require a broad, overarching understanding of the business function.

## What does the Communication Degree Completion program offer me?

SDSU's Communication program is a diverse applied arts and sciences program that teaches students how to develop integrated, interactive, international, and intercultural communication strategies designed for the twenty-first century.

Students will learn how communication promotes civic engagement and allows for effective participation in today's global community. The program also focuses on social problems, giving students the tools they'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?

You may 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.

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 (three for criminal justice) 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 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 cost of the Business Administration and Communication programs is \$450 per unit. The cost of the Criminal Justice program is \$469 per unit. This makes the total cost of the program

range from \$21,648 to \$30,660, 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](http://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. Students completing the criminal justice program will have the option to minor in public administration. No additional majors or minors are permitted.

## 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
- Business: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- 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.

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## Are international students eligible to apply?

Not at this time.

## What grades are required to graduate from these programs?

A minimum GPA of 2.80 for the Criminal Justice program and 2.75 for the Business program and the Communication program 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@Southwestern College program mean for me?

Earning your degree through our SDSU@Southwestern 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 in-person\* instructional support, student advising, and other services at Southwestern 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 on your community college campus.

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