Criminal Justice Major Advising Guide 2026-27

SDSU-IV Bachelor of Science in Applied Arts and Sciences

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Student Name: _____ Red Id: _____

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR 12 **UNITS (Four Courses)** *Note: IVC Math 119 is 4 units*

SDSU COURSE	EQUIVALENT Semester	Grade	UNITS
Political Science 102 (*Imperial Valley College* equivalent is POLS 102) – Offered Fall			3
Sociology 101 (*Imperial Valley College* equivalent is SOC 101) – Offered Fall			3
Sociology 102 (*Imperial Valley College equivalent* is SOC 102) – Offered Spring			3
Statistics Requirement: Chose one from the following: SOC 201, STAT 119 or 250 (*Imperial Valley College* equivalent is MATH 119) – See schedules			3

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS **36 UNITS (Twelve Courses)**

UPPER DIVISION CORE CLASSES: 7 courses including the practicum	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
CJ 300 – *Crime law & Justice* – Offered Fall & Spring			3
CJ 301 – *Law in Society* – Offered Fall & Spring			3
CJ 302 – *Crime and Behavior* – Offered Fall & Spring			3
CJ 303 – *Criminal Justice & Social Control* – Offered Fall, Spring & Summer			3
CJ 304 – *Race, Equity, & the Criminal Justice System* - Offered Fall, Spring & Summer			3
CJ 540 – *Planning & Evaluation in Criminal Justice* - Offered Fall, Spring, & Summer* **Student must complete 90 units prior to taking this course*			3

UPPER DIVISION PRACTICUM: ***(Student must have completed 90 units)*** *Choose 1 from the following:* *OPTION 1:* **P A 497** – *Investigation and Report* - Offered Fall and Spring *OPTION 2:* **P A 498** – *Internship in Public Administration* - Offered Fall & Spring *OPTION 3:* **CJ 543** – *Community Resources in CJ* – Offered Fall & Spring* ** Prerequisite: CJ 300*	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Practicum:			3

UPPER DIVISION PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ELECTIVES:

Chose two PA Elective (6 units total) Ranging from 300-599(See list below)	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS TOTAL 6
PA specific elective #1:			3
PA specific elective #2:			3

Chose two Public Administration Electives (6 units total) Ranging from 300-599
P A 301 – *Concepts and Issues in Public Administration* - Offered Fall & Spring **P A 310** – *Management of Urban Governments* - Offered Fall only **P A 312** – *Management of State Governments* - Offered Spring only **P A 315** – *Management of the Federal Government* - Offered Summer only **P A 330** – *Public Personnel Administration* - Offered Fall & Spring **P A 340** – *Administrative Behavior* - Offered Fall & Summer **P A 350** – *Contemporary Urban Issues* - Offered Spring only **P A 450** – *Fiscal & Budgetary Policy* – Offered Spring only (prerequisite P A 301) **P A 460** – *Administration & Public Policy Development* - Offered Spring & Summer **P A 480** – *Leadership in the Public Sector* - Offered Occasionally, See schedule* **P A 485**– *Planning and Public Policy in US-Mexico Border Region* – Offered Fall only
Courses Marked (*) are occasionally offered. View schedule to for availability

UPPER DIVISION CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES:

UPPER DIVISION ELECTIVES: 9 units (3 courses) of CJ or Related Area electives (Note: a minimum of 6 units (2 courses) must be CJ)	**SEMESTER**	**GRADE**	**UNITS** 12 TOTAL
CJ specific elective:			3
CJ specific elective:			3
Elective (CJ or Non CJ specific elective):			3

CJ SPECIFIC ELECTIVES (Choose 2 from this side)	**NON CJ SPECIFIC/ RELATED AREA ELECTIVE**
CJ 305 – *Professions and Ethics* - Offered Fall* **Prerequisite CJ 300* **CJ 310** – *Law Enforcement* – Offered Fall & Summer* **Prerequisite CJ 300* **CJ 320** – *Criminal Law* – Offered Spring* **Prerequisite CJ 300* **CJ 330** – *Corrections* – Offered Spring & Summer* **Prerequisite CJ 300* **CJ 420** – *Constitutional Issues in CJ* – Offered Spring* **Prerequisite CJ 300* **CJ 510**– *Cont. Iss. in Law Enforcement- Offered Fall** **Prerequisites CJ 300 and CJ 310, or Graduate standing* **CJ 531** – *Probation and Parole* – See schedule* **Prerequisite CJ 330* **CJ 543** – *Comm. Res. in CJ* – Offered Fall & Spring* **Prerequisite CJ 300*	**CHEM 300** – *Forensic Science* – Offered Fall &Spring* **Prerequisite CHEM 100 or transfer equivalent* **PSY 340** – *Social Psychology* – Offered Spring* **Prerequisite PSY 101 or transfer equivalent* **PSY 350** – *Abnormal Psychology* - Offered Fall & Summer* **Prerequisite PSY 101 or transfer equivalent* **SOC 443** – *Crime and Society* – Offered Fall* **Prerequisite SOC 101 or transfer equivalent* **SOC 445** – *Sociology of Deviance* – Offered Spring* **Prerequisite SOC 101 or transfer equivalent* *Please see your advisor for other courses that may be available either at SDSU Imperial Valley or through cross-enrollment with SDSU San Diego.*

INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: WRITING

GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS (GWAR)	COMPLETED(Y/N)	
Upper Division Writing Course **RWS 305W** - Offered Fall & Spring		3

INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES:

NOTE: At least one course selected from the Explorations area must be a course in cultural diversity.
Courses in this area must not be taken sooner than the semester in which you achieve upper division status (60 units passed). Any course included on the explorations requirement list and also required for your major, may be used to satisfy one Explorations requirement.

UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION: EXPLORATIONS(ABC'S)	COURSE	SEMESTER	GRADE	UNITS
Cultural Diversity (Can be from Area A, B, or C)				3
Area A- Natural Sciences				3
Area B- Social and Behavioral Sciences				3
Area C- Humanities				3
Ethnic Studies (Effective F20)				3

INSTITUTION/ UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: UNITS FOR DEGREE

Total Units Required For The Degree: 120	
Units In Progress:	Units Remaining:

THIS FORM IS JUST A GUIDELINE AND DOES NOT SUPPLANT THE GENERAL CATALOG
YOUR GENERAL CATALOG PROVIDES DETAILED ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITYTO BE AWARE OF YOUR ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- I acknowledge that I have reviewed the requirements listed above with my academic advisor and am fully aware that I am responsible for fulfilling the academic requirements in order to be eligible for graduation.
- It is my responsibility to come prepared to any academic advising session with my advisor.
- Any delay beyond fifteen (10-15) minutes to an academic advising session will result in cancellation and rescheduling subject to the availability of the academic advisor.
- Copies of advising recommendations will be uploaded onto navigate. It is my responsibility to log in and view report summary and download advising report.

2024-2025 FOUR YEAR PATHWAY: Imperial Valley College and SDSU Imperial Valley Associate of Science for Transfer in Administration of Justice, CSU GEB (IVC) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (SDSU-IV)

Year 1:Imperial Valley College – Fall Semester*

1. Any Area A2 course (see IVC advisor)
2. CHIC 100
3. Any Area E course (see IVC advisor)
4. POLS 102

Year 1:Imperial Valley College – Spring Semester*

1. AJ 100
2. AJ 102
3. Any Area B1 or B3 course (see IVC advisor)
4. COMM 100
5. SOC 101

Year 2: Imperial Valley College – Fall Semester*

1. Any Area A3 course (see IVC advisor)
2. Any Area C1 course (see IVC advisor)
3. HIST 120
4. MATH 119

Year 2: Imperial Valley College – Spring Semester*

1. Any Area B2/B3 course (see IVC advisor)
2. Any Area C2 Course (see IVC advisor)
3. Any List A course (see IVC advisor)
4. Any List course (see IVC advisor)
5. SOC 102

Year 3: SDSU Imperial Valley – Fall Semester**

1. CJ 300 or CJ 301***
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304***
3. CJ 303 or SOC 443[#]
4. RWS 305W[##] or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
5. CJ 305 or CJ 310 or CJ 321

Year 3:SDSU Imperial Valley – Spring Semester**

1. CJ 300 or CJ 301***
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304***
3. CJ 303 or SOC 445[#]
4. RWS 305W[##] or GEOG 354
5. Elective (see SDSU-IV advisor)

Year 4: SDSU Imperial Valley – Fall Semester**

1. AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
2. BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
3. CJ 540 or CJ 321 or CJ 510[###]
4. P A 310 or P A 340 or P A 485
5. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only either Fall or Spring of Senior year)

Year 4: SDSU Imperial Valley – Spring Semester**

1. CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320[###]
2. P A 330 or P A 350 or P A 460
3. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only either Fall or Spring of Senior year)
4. Elective (if necessary, see SDSU-IV advisor)
5. Elective (if necessary, see SDSU-IV advisor)

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***Choose one course listed in one semester, then choose the other option listed the next semester, some restrictions apply – please see SDSU-IV advisor

[#]Choose CJ 303 in the Fall and SOC 445 in the Spring, or SOC 443 in the Fall and CJ 303 in the Spring.

[##]RWS 305W is a required course and must be selected in either Fall or Spring (or Summer if necessary).

[###]Student must choose CJ 540 once in Fall or Spring. CJ 510 is offered every other year.

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Year 1: Fall Semester*

1. COMM 103
2. GEN S 100A (1 unit course)
3. GEOG 101
4. POL S 102
5. RWS 100 or RWS 105A (see advisor)
6. SOC 101

Year 1: Spring Semester*

1. ART 157
2. HIST 109
3. RWS 105B or RWS 200 (see advisor)
4. SOC 102
5. STAT 119X (1 unit course)
6. STAT 250

Year 2: Fall Semester*

1. BIOL 100
2. BIOL 100L (1 unit course)
3. COMM 245
4. THEA 100
5. Elective (see advisor)

Year 2: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 300
2. CHEM 300 or Elective (see advisor)
3. CCS 110
4. HIST 100
5. RWS 200 or Elective (see advisor)
   RWS 200 here is for students who previously took RWS 105A and 105B

Year 3: Fall Semester*

1. CJ 301 or CJ 302**
2. CJ 303 or CJ 304**
3. SOC 443
4. RWS 305W[#] or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
5. CJ 305 or CJ 310

Year 3: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 301 or CJ 302**
2. CJ 303 or CJ 304**
3. SOC 445
4. RWS 305W[#] or GEOG 354
5. Elective (see advisor)

Year 4: Fall Semester*

1. AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
2. BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
3. CJ 540 or CJ 321 or CJ 510[##]
4. P A 310 or P A 340 or P A 485
5. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only either Fall or Spring of Senior year)

Year 4: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320[##]
2. P A 330 or P A 350 or P A 450 or P A 460
3. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only either Fall or Spring of Senior year)
4. Elective (if necessary, see advisor)
5. Elective (if necessary, see advisor)

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[##]Student must choose CJ 540 once in Fall or Spring. CJ 510 offered every other year.

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UPDATE FOUR YEAR PATHWAY*:* Imperial Valley College and SDSU Imperial Valley
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2. AJ 102
3. Any Area B1 or B3 course (see IVC advisor)
4. COMM 100
5. SOC 101

Year 2: Imperial Valley College – Fall Semester*

1. Any Area A3 course (see IVC advisor)
2. Any Area C1 course (see IVC advisor)
3. HIST 120
4. MATH 119

Year 2: Imperial Valley College – Spring Semester*

1. Any Area B2/B3 course (see IVC advisor)
2. Any Area C2 Course (see IVC advisor)
3. Any List A course (see IVC advisor)
4. Any List course (see IVC advisor)
5. SOC 102

Year 3: SDSU Imperial Valley – Fall Semester**

1. CJ 300 or CJ 301***
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304***
3. CJ 303 or SOC 443#
4. RWS 305W## or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
5. P A 301 Concepts & Issues in Public Admin.

Year 3:SDSU Imperial Valley – Spring Semester**

1. CJ 300 or CJ 301***
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304***
3. CJ 303 or SOC 445#
4. RWS 305W## or GEOG 354
5. P A 330 Public Personnel Administration

Year 4: SDSU Imperial Valley – Fall Semester**

1. AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
2. BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
3. CJ 305 or CJ 310
4. CJ 540 or CJ 321 or CJ 510###
5. P A 310 Management of Urban Governments

Year 4: SDSU Imperial Valley – Spring Semester**

1. CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320###
2. P A 450 Fiscal and Budgetary Policy
3. P A 350 or P A 460
4. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only)####
5. Elective (if necessary, see SDSU-IV advisor)

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####If choosing CJ 543 to fulfill practicum requirement, student will need one additional P A elective.

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1. COMM 103
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3. GEOG 101
4. POL S 102
5. RWS 100 or RWS 105A (see advisor)
6. SOC 101

Year 1: Spring Semester*

1. ART 157
2. HIST 109
3. RWS 105B or RWS 200 (see advisor)
4. SOC 102
5. STAT 119X (1 unit course)
6. STAT 250

Year 2: Fall Semester*

1. BIOL 100
2. BIOL 100L (1 unit course)
3. COMM 245
4. THEA 100
5. P A 200

Year 2: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 300
2. CHEM 300 or Elective (see advisor)
3. CCS 110
4. HIST 100
5. RWS 200 or Elective (see advisor)
   RWS 200 here is for students who previously took RWS 105A and 105B

Year 3: Fall Semester*

1. CJ 301 or CJ 303**
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304**
3. SOC 443
4. RWS 305W# or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
5. P A 301 Concepts & Issues in Public Admin.

Year 3: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 301 or CJ 303**
2. CJ 302 or CJ 304**
3. SOC 445
4. RWS 305W# or GEOG 354
5. P A 330 Public Personnel Administration

Year 4: Fall Semester*

1. AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
2. BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
3. CJ 305 or CJ 310
4. CJ 540 or CJ 321or CJ 510##
5. P A 310 Management of Urban Governments

Year 4: Spring Semester*

1. CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320##
2. P A 350 or P A 450 or P A 460
3. P A 350 or P A 450 or P A 460
4. P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543 (choose one only)###
5. Elective (if necessary, see advisor)

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#RWS 305W is a required course and must be selected in either Fall or Spring (or Summer if necessary).

##Student must choose CJ 540 once in Fall or Spring. CJ 510 offered every other year.

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Criminal Justice Executive Track

Sample Three-Year Course Schedule

*This part-time pathway is designed for working professionals. The schedule below assumes the student has already satisfied all lower division CJ requirements and 2 electives (66 credit hours), which generally means the completion of an Associate of Science for Transfer in Administration of Justice, CSU GEB, at Imperial Valley College. Please see your advisor**

Year 1 (Junior standing):

Fall Semester
CJ 300: Crime, Law, and Justice
CJ 301: Law in Society

Spring Semester
CJ 302: Crime and Behavior
CJ 304: Race, Equity, & the Criminal Justice System

Summer Semester
RWS 305W: Writing in Various Settings (*First Summer Session*)
CJ 303: Criminal Justice and Social Control (*Second Summer Session*)

Year Two (Junior/Senior standing):

Fall Semester
PA 485: Planning and Public Policy US-Mex
AMIND 440: American Indian History

Spring Semester
HIST 440: The Holocaust and Western Civilization
CCS 110: Introduction to Chicana and Chicano Studies

Summer Semester
CJ 330: Corrections (*First Summer Session*)
CJ 310: Law Enforcement (*Second Summer Session*)

Year Three (Senior standing):

Fall Semester
CHEM 300: Forensic Science
SOC 443: Crime and Society

Spring Semester
PA 350: Contemporary Urban Issues
CJ 543: Community Resources in Criminal Justice

Summer Semester
CJ 540: Planning and Evaluation in Criminal Justice (*First Summer Session*)
CJ 321: Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency (*Second Summer Session*) – *if necessary*

*****Schedules subject to change. Other options may be available that satisfy requirements, please see your advisor. Students transferring in with less than 66 units must take additional electives to meet 120 unit minimum.*

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