



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in

Criminal Justice



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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Students who choose the Criminal Justice major at SDSU Imperial Valley (SDSU-IV) study the development, functions, and structure of the criminal justice system and how it attempts to control crime and delinquency in our society. In the course of study, students gain a more complete understanding of the complex nature of crime, the contemporary issues facing criminal justice practitioners, and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system's efforts to prevent and control crime in American society.

The Criminal Justice major will appeal to students interested in preparing for a career in policing, corrections, law, or a related field. This degree is especially beneficial to those currently working in the criminal justice field seeking career advancement. Lower-division coursework for the Criminal Justice major includes courses in sociology, statistics, political science, and government. Upper-division coursework includes classes in law and society, criminal behavior, systems of justice, and criminal justice policy and planning. Criminal justice electives are offered in the areas of correctional administration, court administration, juvenile justice and delinquency, and law enforcement. Once you complete your degree, you will have many options (listed below).

Opportunities Upon Graduation

Public Sector Employment

- Law Enforcement Officer/Agent (Local, State, & Federal)
- Correctional Officer/Prison Personnel
- Probation & Parole Officer
- Law Enforcement Support Staff
- Crime Analyst
- And More!

Private Sector Employment

- Theft Prevention
- Security Personnel
- Pre-employment Investigator
- Due Diligence Investigator
- Intelligence Analyst
- Fraud Investigator
- And More!

Graduate School (MA/MS & JD)

- Master of Science in Homeland Security (Available at SDSU-IV)
- Master of Social Work (Available at SDSU-IV)
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology (Available at SDSU)
- Master of Public Administration (Available at SDSU)
- Law Degree, JD (Juris Doctorate)
- And More!

SDSU Imperial Valley Regional Resilience (R²) Lab

The R² Lab at SDSU Imperial Valley serves as the research hub and regional policy center designed to develop partnerships between community agencies and SDSU in Imperial County. R² contributes to expanded research opportunities for SDSU Imperial Valley students and affiliated faculty members. Our mission is to conduct transdisciplinary research to elevate the scholarship conducted on campus and improve the quality of life for Imperial Valley residents. Current members include faculty in the Criminal Justice, Homeland Security, Mathematics, Public Administration, and Public Health fields. Examples of projects underway are the following: National Science Foundation (NSF) funded STEM education workshops; Bureau of Justice Administration funded crime prevention research projects with the City of Brawley Police Department; a Collaborative Environmental Health Research Plan for Imperial Valley; reducing vaping and secondhand exposure in Imperial Valley High Schools; and finally, studying rural heat islands and farmworker exposure to heat stress.

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Jeffery Osborne



“Being a criminal justice professor is both rewarding and challenging. As a criminologist, I get to research crime and criminal behavior. As an instructor, I get to discuss real-world issues with students and help prepare future practitioners.”

Dr. Jeffery Osborne is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Program Advisor for the Homeland Security program at SDSU Imperial Valley. Additionally, Dr. Osborne is the co-director of

the SDSU Regional Resilience (R²) Lab and an ITS Faculty Fellow (2023-2024). He earned a PhD in Criminal Justice from the City University of New York Graduate Center/John Jay College of Criminal Justice, an MA in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a BS in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Osborne is a criminologist, with his general research and teaching interests including:

- 1) active shooter incidents and other types of violent crime,
- 2) contemporary issues in law enforcement and community perspectives
- 3) program evaluation and data generation, 4) environmental criminology and crime analysis, 5) emergency management and homeland security, and 6) empirical offender profiling and investigative psychology. He grew up in the Imperial Valley and returned from the East Coast to join SDSU Imperial Valley.



FOUR YEAR PATHWAY

Imperial Valley College to SDSU Imperial Valley

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Associate of Science for Transfer in Administration of Justice, CSU GEB (IVC) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (SDSU Imperial Valley)

Start at Imperial Valley College to complete your Associate's Degree, then transfer to SDSU Imperial Valley to complete your Bachelor's Degree.

Year 1 — Imperial Valley College

Fall Semester*

- Any Area A2 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- CHIC 100
- Any Area E course (*see IVC advisor*)
- POLS 102

Spring Semester*

- AJ 100
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- Any Area B1 or B3 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- COMM 100
- SOC 101

Year 2 — Imperial Valley College

Fall Semester*

- Any Area A3 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- Any Area C1 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- HIST 120
- MATH 119

Spring Semester*

- Any Area B2/B3 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- Any Area C2 course (*see IVC advisor*)
- Any List A course (*see IVC advisor*)
- Any List course (*see IVC advisor*)
- SOC 102

Year 3 — SDSU Imperial Valley

Fall Semester**

- CJ 300 or CJ 301***
- CJ 302 or CJ 304***
- CJ 303 or SOC 443
- RWS 305W or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
- CJ 305 or CJ 310 or CJ 321

Spring Semester**

- CJ 300 or CJ 301***
- CJ 302 or CJ 304***
- CJ 303 or SOC 445
- RWS 305W or P H 362 or GEOG 354
- Elective (*see SDSU-IV advisor*)

Year 4 — SDSU Imperial Valley

Fall Semester**

- AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
- BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
- CJ 540 or CJ 321 or CJ 510#
#CJ 510 offered every other year
- P A 310 or P A 340 or P A 485
- P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543##
##Choose one only, Fall or Spring

Spring Semester**

- CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320
- P A 330 or P A 350 or P A 460
- P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543##
##Choose one only, Fall or Spring
- Elective (*if necessary, see SDSU-IV advisor*)
- Elective (*if necessary, see SDSU-IV advisor*)

*For IVC pathway, there may be some flexibility with regard to the sequence of courses, please see your IVC advisor. All course schedules subject to change.

**For the SDSU-IV pathway, there is flexibility with regard to the sequence of courses as well as other course options available. Students must complete a total of 120 credits to graduate. Please see your SDSU-IV advisor. All course schedules subject to change.

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



Do you have an associate's degree in Administration of Justice from Imperial Valley College (or similar degree from another community college) and are currently working full-time? Get your bachelor's degree part-time and advance your career!

Whether you are working full-time in the criminal justice field or not, those who have completed the appropriate courses with an associate's degree are eligible for the Criminal Justice Executive Track program. Students complete the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree over the course of three years including summers, taking only two online or evening courses each semester.

Year 1 (after transfer) — SDSU Imperial Valley

Fall Semester*

- CJ 300 Crime, Law & Justice
- CJ 301 Law & Society

Spring Semester*

- CJ 302 Crime & Behavior
- CJ 304 Race, Equity, & the Criminal Justice System

Summer Semester*

- RWS 305W Writing in Various Settings
First Summer Session
- CJ 303 Criminal Justice & Social Control
Second Summer Session

Year 2 — SDSU Imperial Valley

Fall Semester*

- AMIND 440 American Indian History
- P A 485 Planning and Public Policy US and Mexico Border Region

Spring Semester*

- CCS 110 Introduction to Chicana & Chicano Studies
- HIST 440 The Holocaust & Western Civilization

Summer Semester*

- CJ 330: Corrections
First Summer Session
- CJ 310: Law Enforcement
Second Summer Session

Year 3 — SDSU Imperial Valley

Fall Semester*

- CHEM 300 Forensic Science
- SOC 443 Crime & Society

Spring Semester*

- P A 350 Contemporary Urban Issues
- CJ 543 Community Resources in Criminal Justice

Summer Semester*

- CJ 540 Planning & Evaluation in Criminal Justice
First Summer Session
- CJ 321 Juvenile Justice & Juvenile Delinquency
Second Summer Session

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Come to SDSU Imperial Valley as a Freshman and spend four years here.

Year 1 – SDSU Imperial Valley**Fall Semester***

- COMM 103
- GEN S 100A (*one unit course*)
- GEOG 101
- POL S 102
- RWS 100 or RWS 105A (*see advisor*)
- SOC 101

Spring Semester*

- ART 157
- HIST 109
- RWS 200 or RWS 105B (*see advisor*)
- SOC 102
- STAT 119X (*one-unit course*)
- STAT 250

Year 2 – SDSU Imperial Valley**Fall Semester***

- BIOL 100
- BIOL 100L (*one unit course*)
- COMM 245
- THEA 100
- Elective (*see advisor*)

Spring Semester*

- CCS 110
 - CHEM 300 or Elective (*see advisor*)
 - CJ 300
 - HIST 100
 - RWS 200[#] or Elective (*see advisor*)
- [#]*If previously completed RWS 105A and RWS 105B*

Year 3 – SDSU Imperial Valley**Fall Semester***

- CJ 301 or CJ 302**
 - CJ 303 or CJ 304**
 - CJ 305 or CJ 310
 - SOC 443
 - RWS 305W[#] or SOC 355 or WMNST 325
- [#]*Must choose RWS 305W once, either Fall or Spring*

Spring Semester*

- CJ 301 or CJ 302**
 - CJ 303 or CJ 304**
 - SOC 445
 - RWS 305W[#] or GEOG 354 or P H 362
 - Elective (*see advisor*)
- [#]*Must choose RWS 305W once, either Fall or Spring*

Year 4 – SDSU Imperial Valley**Fall Semester***

- AMIND 440 or HIST 440 or MUSIC 345
 - BIOL 315 or CHEM 300 or NUTR 313
 - CJ 540 or CJ 321 or CJ 510^{##}
 - ^{##}*CJ 510 offered every other year*
 - P A 310 or P A 340 or P A 485
 - P A 497 or P A 498 or CJ 543^{###}
- ^{###}*Choose one only, Fall or Spring*

Spring Semester*

- CJ 540 or CJ 420 or CJ 320
- PA 330 or PA 350 or PA 460
- PA 497 or PA 498 or CJ 543^{###}
- ^{###}*Choose one only, Fall or Spring*
- Elective (*see advisor*)
- Elective (*if necessary, see advisor*)

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Sambuddha Ghatak



“It is always rewarding to engage in a systematic and evidence-based study of criminal behavior with students and shape their understanding of possible causes and solutions for such actions.”

Dr. Sambuddha Ghatak is a Criminal Justice and Homeland Security faculty member with SDSU Imperial Valley and an Assistant Professor with the School of Public Affairs at San Diego State University. Originally from India, he completed his PhD in Political Science from the University of Tennessee and an MA in Politics from Appalachian State University in North Carolina. Prior to coming to SDSU, Dr. Ghatak was a faculty member with the University of Tennessee and San José State University, where he taught courses on terrorism, conflict processes, social movements, human rights, and other subjects. Dr. Ghatak encourages students to think logically, ask questions and not accept anything as given. For him, striving for truth as supported by evidence should always be the goal of social science education. As a researcher in terrorism and political conflict, Dr. Ghatak has published in several peer-reviewed journals, including *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *International Interactions*. He has also presented his research at several national and international conferences.

Faculty Spotlight: Honorable L. Brooks Anderholt



“If it was not for our local SDSU campus I would not have been able to have earned my bachelor’s degree and that holds true for many of our current students.”

Judge Louie Brooks Anderholt was born and raised in the Imperial Valley. He attended Holtville schools and is a graduate of Imperial Valley College and SDSU Imperial Valley, majoring in Criminal Justice. Judge Anderholt grew up on a small farm before becoming an Imperial County Deputy Sheriff. While serving as a deputy and teaching at Calexico High School, he attended and graduated from what is now Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. After passing the bar exam, Judge Anderholt went into the private practice of law for 25 years before being elected a Superior Court Judge in 2012. He has been with SDSU Imperial Valley since the mid-90s, teaching many criminal justice courses over the years. Judge Anderholt is affectionately known to his students as “Mr. A.”

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