
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Intent to Plan for a New Program

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND TITLE OF PROGRAM:	B.A. & B.S.in Crimin ology
INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	2020-2021 Academic Year

Please check this box to confirm that:

- The individual preparing this request ~~has~~^{read} [AAC Guideline 24](#), which pertains to ne~~int~~^{int}ent to plan requestsfor new programsand that thisrequest meets the ~~re~~^{re}quirements outlined in the guidelines.
- This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs

Occupation	Rate of increase
Victim services ² Social and Community Service managers ³	13%
Probation officers and correctional specialists ³	6%
Police and detectives ⁴	5%
Sociologists ⁵	9%

Current demand for law enforcement officers increases at a rate of 5% each year. The requirements to enter law enforcement fields differ by state, jurisdiction, and agency. For IHGHUDO VRPH PHWUR DQG PRVW VWDWH Olyally QIRUFHP typically required. Exceptions may exist in regard to years of experience. City and county agencies may only require a high school diploma depending on the location and the pay RIIHUNG \$FURVV WKH ERDUG DJHQFLHV SUHIHU EDFKHOF with the higher degree are less like

3. How would the proposed program benefit students?

Criminal Justice, housed in the Department of Sociology & Rural Studies, has strong enrollment and students exhibit a strong interest in crime and the control of crime. The proposed program will create an additional opportunity for students who wish to pursue a degree focused on crime and the control of crime, deeply rooted in the social sciences. Graduates will be well positioned to pursue careers throughout the criminal justice system. The Criminology major would be designed to assist students interested in five different career areas related to understanding crime and the control of crime. Tracks will include:

- x Law enforcement
- x Victim services
- x Court systems and services
- x Professional development
- x Law and policy

4. How does the proposed program relate to the South Dakota Statute and Board of Regents Policy and to the current Board of Regents Strategic Plan 2014-2020?

Goal 2 of the Board of Regents Strategic Plan 2014-2020:

this discipline. The proposed program will include coursework related to mental health, race, ethics, leadership, and social science research methods including data analytics and spatial analysis.

6. Do related programs exist at public colleges and universities in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and/or Wyoming? If a related program exists, enter the name of the institution and additional lines if there are more than two such programs in a state listed

	Institution	Program Title
Minnesota	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities	Sociology of Law, Criminology and Deviance (B.A./B.S.)
	University of Minnesota- Duluth	Criminology (B.A.)
North Dakota	NA	
Montana	University of Montana	Sociology (B.A.) - Criminology concentration
Wyoming	NA	
Iowa	University of Northern Iowa	Criminology (B.A.)

Other related programs in the region include Southeast Technical Institute and Lake Area Technical Institute AAS in Law Enforcement; Western Dakota Technical Institute AAS in Criminal Justice and Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Emphasis; Mount Marquette College - D.V. R.F.L.D. W.H.V. D.Q.G. E.D.F.K.H. O.R.U. ¶ V. G.H.J.U.H.H. B.S. and B.A. in Criminal Justice and Colorado Technical University B.S. in Criminal Justice

7. Are students enrolling in this program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university?

The Criminology major will attract three types of students. The Department anticipates a number of students new to the University who are interested in law enforcement, social services, and related careers as well as a shift in current Sociology majors to the proposed Criminology major. In addition, delivery of the program online will provide flexibility to meet the needs of working professionals who want to complete their degrees. SDSU will also work with regional programs to develop articulation agreements that will establish a pathway for

8. What is the estimated enrollment in the program through the first five years? Provide an explanation of the methodology the university used in developing these estimates.

Using data from the number of students who graduate with the minor in Criminal Justice, SDSU anticipates graduating 20 majors in five years, 30 in six years, 35 in seven years, and 40 each year after. The proposed program fills a demonstrated need for SDSU. Enrollment in the Criminal Justice Minor has risen from 58 students in fall 2015 to 131 students in fall 2018. This increase in enrollment indicates a high degree of student interest in the field. The creation of a Criminology major will allow interested students to pursue a baccalaureate program in a related field without leaving SDSU.

the same model that SDSU plans to implement. In addition, both programs are closely

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Plan of Study Grid

Spring

Group 1 Criminology Elective	3
Group 3 Criminology Elective	3
SOC2010 (980:108) Research Methods	3
University Electives	6

Hours 15

Senior

Fall

Group 3 Criminology Elective	3
Group 1 Criminology Elective	3
Capstone Experience	3
University Electives	6

Hours 15

Spring

Group 2 Criminology Elective	3
CRIM 4575 (982:175) Senior Seminar in Criminology	

- x [CRIM 3350](#) - Psychopathology and Crime (3.0 cr)
- x [CRIM 3361](#) - Correctional Continuum (3.0 cr)
- x [CRIM 3369](#) - Correctional Assessment and Intervention (3.0 cr)
- x [CRIM](#) -