New Online Minors

SDSU is continuously working to offer students an array of options for online education. Three new online minors are now available: Geography, Sociology, and Criminal Justice.

Geography:
The study of geography provides graduates with numerous career opportunities in business, education, and government. Students can expect to acquire an understanding of the Earth's physical systems and its human inhabitants. Students will learn about tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanoes, as well as spatial patterns of populations, languages, religions, economic activities, and political systems.

The geography minor is great for those who love to travel, are interested in other places and cultures, and are fascinated by the endless connections and complex relationships found in our world. This minor complements a number of majors ranging from journalism, history, global studies, and political science to environmental science, engineering, and computer science.

Sociology:
Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions. Students have the opportunity to learn about different populations of people, institutions like marriage and work, as well as social problems.

Sociology minors understand how individuals behave in small groups, organizations, and communities. They can develop and evaluate evidence-based arguments, and adapt to changing situations.

Students with a sociology minor are qualified for many different jobs such as group work with youth or the elderly, community development, business, college admissions, family planning, and government jobs. The minor can be matched with economics, psychology, human development and family studies, leadership and management of nonprofit organizations, and political science.

Criminal Justice:
Criminal Justice is the study of the criminal justice system (law enforcement, courts, and corrections), how the systems work together, and an awareness of the diverse factors that shape the administration of justice.

A criminal justice minor gives students practical knowledge of how the criminal justice system operates.

For more on the Criminal Justice minor, see page 4.
Welcome, Lindsey Hamlin!
Director of Continuing and Distance Education

Lindsey Hamlin leads and oversees the department of Continuing and Distance Education. This includes online and hybrid programs, GPIDEA programs, dual credit programs, summer school, STEM Academy, and continuing education units.

Lindsey was initially attracted to online and distance education by its ability to transform the lives and increase the standard of living for working adults and rural students. The increased earning potential for these students is significant to, not only their families, but also the economic growth of the state.

“The possibilities for growth are staggering,” Lindsey said. “SDSU is just beginning to harness the full potential of these opportunities in ways that ensure academic rigor and engage students through exciting new technologies.”

Lindsey joined SDSU this winter and finds the students, administration, and faculty to be motivated, thoughtful, welcoming, and enthusiastic about being part of the SDSU community.

“Students, alums, and employees alike show a deep appreciation and loyalty to SDSU that can only be the results of its strong and vibrant community,” Lindsey said. “I am happy to be one of its newest additions. Go Jacks!”

Congratulations, Carey Kilmer!
Assistant Director of Continuing and Distance Education

Many of you may know Carey from her work as the CDE Student Services Facilitator. With her recent move into the Assistant Director position, she will work alongside Lindsey Hamlin, CDE Director, to provide leadership for the office.

Carey’s responsibilities include developing procedures to enhance student services, representing SDSU on the Electronic University Consortium, and monitoring state, regional, and national distance education developments. She will also continue working with the Bachelor of General Studies program. Carey’s technical background and experience as an adult learner propelled her into a career in online and distance education.

“I cannot say that I necessarily chose a career in online and distance education, but now that I am in it, I truly enjoy it,” Carey said. “It is an exciting area that is rapidly growing and changing.”

Carey is excited to be able to provide learning opportunities to individuals that otherwise may not have access. Her biggest passion is working with non-traditional learners and finding ways to break down the barriers that may exist for them. Carey sees that SDSU has a lot of drive, potential, and is already doing many great things to provide educational opportunities and support students.

“The university has some lofty goals for distance education,” Carey said. “I look forward to the challenge and seeing our office grow.”

Spring 2014 Dates
- March 10-14—Spring Break
- March 17—First half of Spring Term ends
- March 20—Deficiency reports due
- April 7—Last day to drop a course
- April 18-20—Easter Recess
- May 5-9—Final Exams
- May 10—Graduation
- May 14—Grades due on WebAdvisor

Summer 2014 Dates
- May 12-23—May Interim
- May 26—Memorial Day Holiday
- May 27-Aug 1—10-week Academic Summer Session
- July 4—Independence Day Holiday
- Aug 4-22—August Interim
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SDSU offers numerous online courses over the summer term. Summer classes provide a great opportunity for students to get ahead, catch up, or stay on track.

To apply for summer financial aid, students need to complete the Summer Financial Aid Application and return it to the Financial Aid Office. Students must also complete the FAFSA for the upcoming school year.

To qualify for federal loans during the summer, a student must be: enrolled at least half-time (6 undergraduate credits or 5 graduate credits), enrolled in a degree program, and in good-standing with federal student aid programs. Students who are enrolled less than half-time may qualify for Federal Pell Grants.

Further questions can be directed to the financial aid office by phone at (605) 688-4695 or by email at sdsu.finaid@sdstate.edu.

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Fall 2013 Submissions
Testimony Video

Photo by Christie Ordal - 1st place winner of the NDLW photo contest

Drawing by Alyssa Olsen - 1st place winner of the NDLW talent contest
Criminal justice minors learn how individuals come into contact with police, what criteria is necessary for a warrant, and different options for punishment.

Students who minor in criminal justice will also understand patterns and causes of crime and study issues within criminal justice with which law enforcement and practitioners struggle.

A minor in criminal justice may prepare students for career opportunities within law enforcement, adjudication/courts, corrections, and in other capacities that work in association with the criminal justice system.

Law enforcement includes local police and detectives, sheriffs and sheriff deputies, highway patrol officers, and law enforcement officers in many federal agencies—FBI, CIA, ATF, Customs, Secret Service, INS, Border Patrol, and Drug Enforcement.

Adjudication includes such occupations as court clerks, sentencing specialists, public defenders, court appointed advocates, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges. Adult and juvenile corrections include parole officers, probation officers, correctional officers and counselors, and resident unit counselors and supervisors.

Other aspects of the Criminal Justice System require qualified individuals to assure operation of the system. Included in these areas are private and corporate security, nursing, hospital administration, social work, foster care, personnel services, court reporting, accounting, data processing, recreational services, research, planning, evaluation, and clerical services.

Opportunities for students majoring in the biological sciences and chemistry also find opportunities available in crime laboratories where scientific techniques are used in the study of criminal evidence.

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