why SHSU?

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of over 18,000, SHSU prides itself with creating a close community. Current students and alumni alike attest to the warm, supportive environment found all over the SHSU campus. Faculty members are more than professors—they are mentors, advisors, informal tutors, and personal links to great career connections.

Sam Houston State University has something—and then some—for everyone. No matter where you look, you will find ways to have fun, make great friends, enjoy the arts, serve others, and challenge yourself.

An education from Sam Houston State University prepares graduates to be a vital part of the world. It gives them the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand and solve challenges. It equips them with the experience and confidence to become effective leaders. It develops in them a heart for service to their communities. It gives them the tools they need to have an impact—as new graduates and for the rest of their lives.

There are many ways to learn more about Sam Houston State University, but the best way is to come visit campus and experience it for yourself.

The Agricultural Sciences Program at Sam Houston State University offers degree options in interdisciplinary agriculture, agricultural business, agricultural communications, agricultural engineering technology, animal science, and plant and soil sciences.

These program options provide endless job opportunities, and our various student organizations allow you to hone your leadership skills in preparation for your career.
Growing Possibilities

The Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences at Sam Houston State University is one of the largest non-land grant agricultural programs in the nation. We have a very strong belief in, and commitment to, applying classroom learning in a laboratory setting. The university’s 1,740 acre Gibbs Ranch has purebred Angus and Brangus herds, crossbred cattle, meat goats, a managed pine forest, and wildlife preservation areas. Our Agriculture Center consists of a meat science lab, indoor arena, equine barn and riding arena, floral design lab, greenhouses, and outdoor gardens. The Harrell Agricultural Engineering Technology Center includes a metal fabrication lab, power and machinery lab, and biodiesel lab. These facilities will allow you to gain hands-on skills to complement science and apply theory.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for Agricultural Science Program scholarships and all other university scholarships by completing a single ScholarX application. Over 50 scholarships are awarded annually with a total value exceeding $110,000. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and alumni, our scholarship funds and endowments continue to increase each year. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

COURSEWORK

Various degree plans are available including agricultural business, agricultural communications, agricultural education, agricultural engineering technology, animal science, plant and soil sciences, interdisciplinary agriculture, pre-veterinary medicine, equine science, and wildlife ecology. Agricultural science teacher certification can be obtained from any of the degree programs by minoring in secondary education.

STUDENT GROUPS

Students are encouraged to actively participate in professional extracurricular activities. You can choose from numerous university-sponsored clubs, teams, and organizations. Those sponsored by the department include:

AgIT Ambassadors
Ag Engineering Technology Club
Agribusiness Club
Beef Cattle Show Team
Block and Bridle
Collegiate FFA
Delta Tau Alpha
Ducks Unlimited

Horticulture and Crop Science Club
Horse Judging Team
Livestock Judging Team
Minorities in Ag, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences
Ranch Horse Team
Rodeo Club
Texas Trophy Hunters