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 Bachelor of Science in animal science prepares students for careers in the livestock, equine and support industries.

The University maintains herds and flocks for teaching and research at our sprawling 1,740 acre Gibbs Ranch facility.
Production Potential

The Bachelor of Science in animal science from Sam Houston State University covers scientific principles, management, and production technologies that are combined with the business aspects of the animal industry.

While numerous possibilities exist, our more popular minors that are paired with the animal science major include equine science, wildlife ecology, or a concentration in pre-veterinary medicine.

CAREERS

Graduates of the animal science program can expect to qualify for positions in sales and service, inspection, regulation, research/teaching, breed associations, extension, or management across the livestock industry. A degree in animal science helps to provide students with a base knowledge that can lead to careers in the beef, dairy, horse, poultry, sheep, swine, food science, or other animal-based industries.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for agriculture-related 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.

STUDENT GROUPS

Students are encouraged to actively participate in professional extracurricular activities. Some of those sponsored by the department include Beef Cattle Show Team, Block and Bridle, Collegiate FFA, Delta Tau Alpha, Horse Judging Team, Livestock Judging Team, Pre-Vet Society, Ranch Horse Team, and Rodeo Club.