**why SHSU?**

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of over 17,000, 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.

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Animate Your Imagination

The Department of Art’s Computer Animation Program approaches animation from a fine arts context, emphasizing creativity and experimentation along with technical ability. Our courses focus on principles of animation, character development, narrative and non-narrative formats, and interactivity. The program prepares graduates to pursue careers in film, video production, advertising, game production, and fine art.

If you are creative and artistic, have good computer skills, enjoy problem solving, and work well with others, this could be the degree for you!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for both Art Department and non-degree specific scholarships by filling out the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston.

COURSEWORK

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation is built on a foundation of fine art, drawing, design, and art history courses. All students must complete the WASH (Workshop in Art Studio and History) upon entering the Art Program and pass a BFA portfolio review in their sophomore year. Then, Animation majors progress into courses in 2D Animation, 3D Computer Animation, Pre-Visualization, 3D Modeling, Character Animation, 3D Animation for Interactive Games, and the History of Animation. Seniors complete their degree by taking the Animation Portfolio class, in which they create a professional demo reel, website, and print portfolio.

The Art Department requires its students to own a Mac laptop with the current version of Adobe Creative Suite. This policy allows students to be as productive as possible without the confines of class schedules and lab hours. Financial aid and SHSU discounts are available to offset the cost. Please see the website for details.