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 Department of Art offers opportunities for creative students to explore and develop proficiencies in many traditional art forms, such as drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, and photography.

New and innovative art forms are also promoted in the Department of Art, including digital media courses as part of graphic design, computer animation, and photography degree programs.
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees in
Computer Animation
Graphic Design
Photography
Studio Art

Expand Your Creativity

The Department of Art offers innovative programs for students interested in the visual arts. Degrees are offered in studio art, photography, graphic design, and computer animation. The department has over 30,000 square feet of space devoted to studios, laboratories, lecture halls, and galleries. Studios in painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, and photography maintain the best tools available for students to develop skills and express ideas. Digital labs maintain state of the art computer equipment for students in graphics, photography, and computer animation.

There are a number of opportunities for artists in many industry or business settings. Many of our graduates work for graphic design firms and game development studios, work as commercial photographers and self-employed artists, or become public school teachers. Our programs give you the foundation you need to succeed in a variety of career fields after graduation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for art scholarships and non-degree specific scholarships by completing the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston. Incoming freshmen are eligible to apply for the Weldon Hall scholarship (see website details). SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

COURSEWORK

Students wishing to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Computer Animation, Graphic Design, Photography, or Studio Art are required to participate in WASH (Workshop in Art History and Studio). WASH is a nine credit hour foundation program that includes studio and lecture components. Other core art courses required of all BFA’s include Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, and Time Based classes. After passing a BFA Portfolio review in their sophomore year, students take advanced courses to develop expertise in the BFA program of their choice.

Students are required to own a Mac laptop as specified by their program of study.

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.
- Scott Adams