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.
Communication studies—a social science similar to sociology and psychology—is the science of how communication affects our relationships with other people in a variety of contexts. The Communication Studies Program teaches you how to prepare and present informative and persuasive speeches and engage in interpersonal, small group, and organizational communication. You also study nonverbal communication; argumentation and debate; communication in the family; persuasion; lying and deception; historical and contemporary speakers; and theories of rhetoric and communication.

Good communication skills are a requirement for most jobs in today's competitive market. Studies show that well-developed communication skills dramatically improve the chances for a more rewarding career and personal life. Our degree prepares you for a variety of fields, including teaching at all levels, public advocacy and public relations, governmental relations, the ministry, motivational speaking, and website development and marketing. Many of our students continue their studies in graduate programs or law schools.

**COURSEWORK**

The Department of Communication Studies offers coursework for a wide variety of career choices; however, its focus is primarily on family communication. Faculty members and students have ongoing research programs in such areas as relationship maintenance and repair and visual persuasion. The program is actively involved in advising students about course sequences available to prepare them for careers in public and private agencies which specialize in family matters.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Students may apply for Communication Studies scholarships by contacting the department. Non-degree specific scholarships are available by completing the ScholarX application. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.