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.

The College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University is one of the oldest and most prestigious programs in the nation.

The Criminal Justice and Victim Studies degrees offered by the college provide a close-knit learning environment, expert faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities including a full service courtroom.
Criminal Justice Bachelor’s Degree

Examine the Evidence

Graduates of Sam Houston State University’s College of Criminal Justice have the potential to pursue careers in almost any aspect of the justice system. Possible choices include corrections; local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; government agencies; law and judiciary; advocacy; forensics; security; customs and border patrol; probation and parole; crime victim assistance and advocacy; military intelligence; and crime analysis and investigation.

COURSEWORK

The College of Criminal Justice offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in both Criminal Justice and Victim Studies. The BS in Criminal Justice is available online.

For both Criminal Justice and Victim Studies, the BS requires additional hours of a social science (e.g., psychology, sociology, political science, etc.) whereas the BA requires additional hours of a foreign language (e.g., Spanish, French, American Sign, etc.).

Popular courses include the following:
- Cyber Crime
- Global Terrorism
- Forensic Science
- Victimology
- Violent Offenders
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- White Collar Crime
- Criminal Investigation

INTERNSHIPS

The College of Criminal Justice offers an internship program for seniors to earn course credit while gaining hands-on experience and networking opportunities. Participating organizations include INTERPOL, the FBI, local police departments, and many more.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Criminal Justice offers over 40 scholarships, some of which are specifically designated for incoming freshmen. Additionally, applicants are considered for a number of non-degree specific scholarships upon completion of the ScholarX online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.