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 Department of English at Sam Houston State University includes award-winning, internationally published professors.

The BA in English offers small class sizes, personal attention from faculty, opportunities to interact with nationally recognized writers, and opportunities to publish and to present papers at conferences and enter writing contests.
The Write Stuff

A degree in English can open the door to a number of career possibilities. Most professions and professional schools stress the need to read, write, and speak well—skills English majors sharpen throughout their course of study. Career opportunities include teaching, technical and professional communication, journalism, government service, editing, scholarly and trade publishing, law, and business.

Scholarships

The Department of English at SHSU offers several scholarships for which undergraduate English majors may apply in person. Students may apply for 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.

Editing Experience

Students have the opportunity to work with faculty members editing the Sam Houston State Review, the Texas Review, and the Journal of Finnish Studies—journals produced within the department.

Study Abroad

An exchange program with the English Department at the University of Turku in Finland allows students the opportunity to study abroad for a semester or a year and transfer credit toward their SHSU degree. The Department also participates in other off-campus study programs.

Coursework

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English have a wide variety of minors from which to choose. English majors often minor in Creative Writing, Technical and Professional Writing, or American Studies, though many options are available to fit individual interests and career goals.

Courses offered cover such topics as American literature, British literature, world and multicultural literature, folklore, drama, literature and film, rhetoric, linguistics, composition, professional and technical writing, and creative writing.

“Be not afraid of greatness.”
- William Shakespeare