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 minor in equine science from Sam Houston State University allows undergraduate students the opportunity to specialize in equine science through a combination of hands-on labs, training courses, and traditional classroom lectures.

A variety of courses on equine care, nutrition, health, management, and behavior provides students with increased hands-on skills and foundational science that offer a competitive advantage in an ever-changing industry.
Minor in Equine Science at Sam Houston State University

Gain Equine Expertise
The 19-hour minor in equine science may be selected to accompany any approved major at Sam Houston State University except interdisciplinary agriculture.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Students may apply for equine-specific or agriculture-related scholarships and all other university scholarships by completing a single ScholarX application. Over 50 scholarships are awarded annually with a total value exceeding $110,000. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and alumni, our scholarship funds and endowments continue to increase each year. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at SHSU.

COURSEWORK
The equine science minor requires a minimum of 19 hours of coursework including Animal Science and Animal Science Laboratory, Equine Science, Equine Nutrition, and 9 hours (6 advanced) of approved equine science courses. Course options include:

Equine Behavior and Training
Laboratory work involves planning record keeping systems, feeding and breeding schedules, tack and equipment, training young stock, and management practices.

Equine Reproduction
General principles and applications of reproduction will be presented. Course material will include reproductive anatomy and endocrinology as related to reproduction.

Stock Horse Equitation
Focus includes psychology and behavior modification applied to advanced training, exercise conditioning, humane training methods, and current industry trends.

Equine Nutrition
This senior level course will cover nutrient utilization, gastrointestinal anatomy, physiology, feedstuffs, feeding management, nutritional requirements, and herd health management.

FACILITIES
The Agriculture Complex, located a short distance from the main campus, includes horse stalls, round pens, a large indoor arena, and a state-of-the-art panel walker.

STUDENT GROUPS AND COMPETITIVE TEAMS
Students are encouraged to participate in the Collegiate Horseman's Association (CHA). CHA provides opportunities for its members to explore and become involved in many aspects of the equine industry. Anyone with an interest in horses is invited to join—regardless of their experience. Competitive teams include the intercollegiate horse judging team and the versatility ranch horse team. Both teams travel throughout the United States competing at major equine events.