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 Family and Consumer Sciences offers many exciting and interrelated programs including Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising, Food Service Management, Food Science and Nutrition, and General Family & Consumer Sciences (teacher certification optional).

Both BA and BS degree plans are available for most major fields of study.
The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) is a long-standing contributor to successful graduates in Texas and the world. Since 1909, programs in FCS have evolved to meet the challenges of a modern-day society focusing on contemporary issues in a changing world. This evolution provides graduates with degrees relevant to current career trends and prepares them to enter a career in a global market. With flexible degree programs, you can pursue options within your major and match a minor to complement it. An FCS education provides you with practical knowledge and critical and creative thinking skills to address problems in diverse family, community, and work environments.

**INTERNSHIPS**

All students who complete programs in Fashion Merchandising, Food Service Management, General Family and Consumer Sciences (without teacher certification), and Interior Design are required to complete a supervised internship of at least 300 hours. Students are provided leads for internship opportunities; however, part of the internship experience is securing a suitable position. We also offer students the opportunity to travel to Europe to study the works and lives of chemists and their influence on our world, especially in the areas of textiles and food science (offered in coordination with the Department of Chemistry).

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences offers many scholarships sponsored by friends and alumni of FCS. Additionally, students may apply for 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 SHSU.