**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 Philosophy degree at Sam Houston State University offers small class sizes with personal attention from experienced faculty.

No special credentials are needed to become a student of Philosophy. All a person has to do is have the appropriate attitude of curiosity to seek answers to the fundamental questions of human life.
Philosophy Bachelor’s Degree

The Pursuit of Wisdom

The Philosophy Program at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) will challenge you to examine yourself and the ideas of society. You will learn critical thinking skills from faculty with diverse backgrounds and experience. Graduates can pursue careers in politics, public relations, teaching, human services, entertainment, publishing, medicine, and more. Our degree program is also an excellent preparation for law school because of our focus on writing enhanced courses and critical thinking exercises.

If you have a love of wisdom and want to explore the true nature of reality, this is the degree for you. Follow your desire for answers to questions like “Why are we here?” and “What is ethical?” as you develop the analytical skills needed for a variety of career fields.

At SHSU, we believe that Philosophy is the most exciting and challenging field of human thought because it concerns our efforts as human beings to understand and deal with issues such as the existence of God or the basis of morality, issues which have been the subject of discussion for over 2,500 years.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for Philosophy scholarships and 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 Sam Houston. SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

COURSEWORK

Students wishing to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy are required to take both PHIL 3364 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and PHIL 3365 Modern Philosophy as part of their minimum total of 30 semester credit hours for the major. It is recommended that these courses be completed as soon as possible. Given the importance of logical reasoning for Philosophy and to provide an in-depth acquaintance with formal logical reasoning, students must complete either PHIL 2303 Critical Thinking or PHIL 2352 Contemporary Logic.