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.
Political Science Bachelor’s Degree

Explore Service

Political Science students at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) work to enhance their critical thinking skills, improve their communication skills, and hone their research skills. These skills prepare them for employment in the fields of business, government, interest groups, non-profit organizations, public relations, legal professions, policy institutes and teaching. Recent graduates have served in a range of positions, including congressional staffer, city planner, radio talk-show host, project manager, reporter, campaign fundraiser, lobbyist, pollster, and non-profit manager.

INTERNISHIPS

SHSU Political Science students have interned with city and county governments, the Texas legislature, the U.S. Congress, non-profit organizations, international think tanks, major political campaigns, and law offices. Our flexible program allows for local internships, but has also placed students in other states and Washington, DC.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for both Political Science and 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.

COUSEWORk

Students may pursue either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science.

The department offers courses in five areas, which students can mix to meet their needs: American government and politics, international relations and foreign policy, comparative politics, public administration, and political theory and methodology.

The Legal Studies minor is useful for positions in the public and private sectors requiring knowledge of the law or interaction with legal professions. In addition, it is well suited for students who wish to attend law school. In fact, SHSU ranks in the top seven percent of national universities in law school acceptance.

Political Science students at SHSU are among the most active in the state. Students may participate in the department’s Political Science Junior Fellows, Pi Sigma Alpha, or the campus political party organizations to get unique and hands-on experiences.

“The method of Political Science is the interpretation of life.” - Woodrow Wilson