why SHSU?

This is a university that thinks big but feels small. With a student population of over 19,000, 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 psychology degree program at Sam Houston State University introduces you to the science and profession of psychology and culminates in a Bachelor of Science degree.

We teach critical thinking skills that give you a different perspective on events going on in the world around you, while providing many opportunities to do research with our experienced faculty.
Psychology Bachelor’s Degree

The Science of Behavior

Psychology is defined as the science of behavior and mental processes. As a discipline, psychology covers a broad field of study ranging from brain mechanisms and behavior to clinical practice. The psychology program at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) offers courses covering all aspects of psychology and prepares the student for a better understanding of how and why behaviors occur.

Since a career in psychology typically requires a graduate degree, the Bachelor of Science in psychology at SHSU is designed to prepare you to progress toward that goal. In addition, the program is designed to provide you with a well-rounded liberal arts education. Our graduates have been highly successful in moving into management positions with large companies, working as police officers and as representatives for pharmaceutical firms, and working in the public sector in areas such as human services and public relations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for psychology 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 Science degree in psychology are required to take particular courses that are related to all areas of psychology and then to sample at least two courses each from various blocks of courses, i.e., Social Development, Clinical-Counseling, and Experimental. With this background, you will acquire knowledge of all of the various approaches psychologists use and can more easily decide on the correct career path you wish to pursue.

In preparation for graduate school, a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average is expected, as is successful completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). We strongly encourage all of our students to get involved in faculty members’ research programs. These opportunities will enhance your critical thinking and research skills while signifying that you are serious about psychology. Graduate schools consider this sort of training impressive, if not crucial.

“The brain is wider than the sky.”
- Emily Dickinson