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 Department of Sociology at Sam Houston State University is committed to furthering knowledge of social life, social change, and the causes and consequences of human behavior.

While pursuing the BA or BS, students develop the “sociological advantage,” or the ability to examine interpersonal relationships and relate them to the larger world.
Sociology Bachelor’s Degree

Savvy About Society

Sociology offers so many ways to understand how society works, and it helps you to have a greater understanding of why certain things happen. A sociology degree provides you with the tools to critically analyze the world and your place within the larger context. You will also learn practical skills needed to succeed in today’s global world.

The Department of Sociology is committed to high quality instruction and research. Students in the undergraduate program will gain an understanding in techniques of sociological research, social statistics, sociological theory, and major substantive areas in the field. The primary objective of the department is to provide students with professional skills to analyze social issues in applied settings.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for sociology 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 degree in sociology have the choice of either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS). The Department of Sociology also offers three flexible ways to take courses: 1) SHSU Campus; 2) The Woodlands Center; and 3) Online.

Instruction in general sociology is complemented by specialization in three substantive areas. Students can choose to concentrate their undergraduate curriculum in Social Change and Economy and Society; Culture and Social Institutions; or Inequality and Society.

Students are encouraged to participate in research projects and extra-curricular activities designed to foster critical sociological thinking and knowledge of today’s world. Sociology students have the opportunity to participate in SHSU’s Academic Community Engagement (ACE) initiative. ACE allows students to use the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to make a difference in our community.