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.

Founded as Sam Houston Normal Institute in 1879, Sam Houston State University is the oldest teacher preparation program in Texas.

The BA or BS in Interdisciplinary Studies and the Secondary Education minor offer small class sizes and personal attention from a highly qualified faculty.
Ignite a Passion for Learning

The College of Education has partnered with many school districts to provide students the field experience necessary for the completion of their degree. These districts reach from Buffalo ISD in the north to Brazosport ISD in the south and from Brenham ISD in the west to Livingston ISD in the east. About 75% of SHSU graduates are hired by one of these districts after graduation.

The Educator Preparation Program at SHSU is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College of Education offers numerous scholarships to qualified students in the Educator Preparation Program. These scholarships are awarded each spring, and some are available for entering freshmen. A variety of grant opportunities and loan forgiveness programs are also available. 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 Sam Houston. Between available scholarships and grants, most teaching students graduate debt-free.

COURSEWORK

The first step to becoming a teacher is deciding which grade level you want to teach.

Students interested in teaching grades EC - 6, Special Education EC - 12, or Bilingual-Spanish in EC - 6 will major in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Students interested in teaching grades 4 - 8 will also major in Interdisciplinary Studies, but will minor in the preferred teaching field such as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Language Arts.

Students interested in teaching grades 8 -12 will major in the preferred subject (teaching field) and will minor in Secondary Education.

All students are required to participate in field experiences in public schools.

LOCATIONS

Interdisciplinary Studies is one of the most convenient degrees offered by SHSU, with classes in Huntsville (main campus), The Woodlands (The Woodlands Center), and Northwest Houston (University Park).