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 BFA in Theatre at Sam Houston State University is an active, hands on program based on solid theoretical principles.

Theatre majors study a variety of fields including, but not limited to, acting, directing, technical theatre, costume, lighting and set design, stage management, and theatre education.
The acting emphasis develops your abilities through comprehensive classes across genres and styles in acting, speech, and movement for stage, film, and television. It will prepare you for a career in commercial theatre. The directing emphasis provides a detailed study of the directing process.

The design and technology emphasis concentrates on the concepts and materials of designing scenery, costumes, make up, properties, lighting, and sound for theatre. We stress the importance of how to use modern technology for theatre applications.

If you wish to pursue theatre education through teacher certification for early childhood through 12th grade (EC-12), you will major in theatre and minor in secondary education.

INTERNSHIPS
Our relationship with many of the Houston area theatres gives our students the opportunity to work in professional performance and arts administration capacities while still in school. Currently, we have internships with Theatre Under the Stars, Stages Repertory Theatre, The Classical Theatre Company, Main Street Theatre, and Texas Repertory Theatre.

SCHOLARSHIPS/ASSISTANTSHIPS
Students may apply for theatre scholarships as well as university-wide scholarships by completing the ScholarX application. Departmental scholarship recipients are determined by faculty and staff based on abilities, scholarship, citizenship, grades, potential, and need. Transfer scholarships are also available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston State University.

Assistantships are available for advanced theatre students who work in scenery, properties, costuming, lighting, and management.

“I regard theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being” - Oscar Wilde