



**Sam Houston State University**

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**English Language Institute  
And  
Undergraduate Programs**

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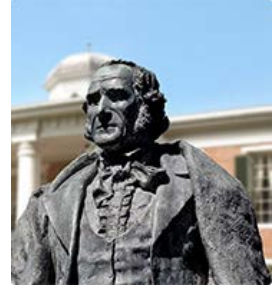


**Student Guide**

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# Sam Houston State University

## A Great Name in Texas Education



For more than 130 years, Sam Houston State University has been preparing students for meaningful lives of achievement. Its motto, “The Measure of a Life is its Service,” echoes across SHSU’s seven colleges and beyond its Texas campus through student research, creative endeavors, service learning, volunteering and more.

Named for [Sam Houston](#), Texas’ greatest hero, SHSU continually strives to honor its [historical roots](#) through academic excellence that includes exceptional teaching from faculty members who care as much about their students’ success as they do about furthering the knowledge of their fields.

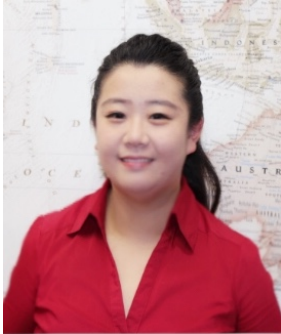
### HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Our 316-acre campus is more than just a place to learn, it's your home away from home. From where you live and eat, to the friends you make, you're sure to be at Home at Sam Houston.



SHSU offers over 80 bachelor's degree programs, more than 50 master's degree programs, and six doctoral programs, including nationally-recognized programs in Business, Fine Arts, Education, Mathematics and Criminal Justice. SHSU is classified as a “Doctoral Research University” by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education and was recently recognized by U.S. News and World Report for being among the best in the country for online graduate programs. In addition, the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education classified SHSU as a "Community Engaged" university. The faculty and the University are recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally.

## Student Profiles



Feiyang Gao from China  
Major, Health and Wellness

"It is easy to make friends at SHSU. SHSU is located in Texas, and Texas is known for its hospitality and friendliness. As long as you are willing to step out and talk to people, making friends in SHSU will be a very easy thing to do."



Abbas Alramis, from Saudi Arabia  
Major, Industrial Technology

"I like SHSU because I feel like I am with my second family. Everyone in the international office has helped me a lot. I can tell that nobody can be nervous if he has SHSU's family."



Yash Rajani, from India  
Major, MBA

"I love that SHSU faculty in the business school are so approachable and helpful. They are ready to work with you and help you gain the knowledge that the course tries to impart. I love the effort made by all the student organizations around campus to promote awareness and organize events for all of us."



Linghua Kong, from China  
Major, Computer Science

"I love Houston and wanted a school close to Houston....Sam Houston provides me with a very comfortable environment. Teachers and students are very friendly and warm hearted. People here very kind in the International Office. Even if you don't have driver's license or car, they drive you to buy groceries...living here is very comfortable".



## The English Language Institute

Thank you for your interest in our English Language Program! The mission of the [ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE](#) (ELI) is to provide the necessary English language and cultural skills for international students to be successful in the academic programs at Sam Houston State University or any other university. Applicants to the ELI may request a letter of **Conditional Admission** to our undergraduate programs which allows them to apply for academic admission without having to provide a TOEFL score upon successful completion of their ELI classes.

Our regular sessions are 8-weeks long with two sessions in the fall, two sessions in the spring, and a session in the summer. Our 8-week intensive English program enables students to progress quickly through our English language program so that they can start their academic studies as soon as possible. You may visit the ELI website to download an [ELI APPLICATION](#) and other required documents. Take a [VIRTUAL TOUR](#) of Sam Houston State University.

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### Sam Houston State University ~ "Your Home Away From Home"



ELI Students have Conditional Admission to all Undergraduate Programs  
**English Language Institute Admission and Testing Information**

## ELI Application Requirements

- **Application Form:** Please fill out the [ELI APPLICATION FORM](#) located on the ELI website and return to the ELI coordinator via mail, fax or email.
- **Conditional Admission:** Students may apply to be conditionally admitted to an undergraduate program upon completion
- **\$75 ELI Application Fee:** The ELI application fee (\$75 USD) should be in the form of an international money order made payable to "SHSU-ELI." Submit the \$75 application fee through the SHSU [Touchnet Site](#). This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. If you are applying for Conditional Admission to an undergraduate program to be started after you complete the ELI courses, you will also need to log on to [ApplyTexas.org](#) and fill out the undergraduate application and as well as pay the \$75 undergraduate admission fee.
- **Transcripts:** Official transcripts from your most recently attended school, in English, need to be submitted to the ELI along with your application. Copies are acceptable if you are only applying to the ELI and not seeking Conditional Admission.
- **Bank Statement:** As a financial guarantee, please include a statement from a bank for one year's school and living expenses. The statement must show at least \$18,000 USD in the account. The statement must be original, dated, signed, and written in English. If you plan to come to the U.S. with any dependents, please include \$2,000 USD more for each dependent who will come with you.  
If your tuition is to be paid by someone else, then, instead of your bank statement, we will need an original, current, dated sponsor's bank statement (showing amounts as indicated above) along with the document titled [SPONSORS DECLARATION OF SUPPORT](#) located on our Admissions website. The sponsor must sign the Declaration of Support. If you are being sponsored, but request the Sponsor's Declaration of Support document and it will be sent via email.
- **Copy of valid passport:** The passport expiration date must be at least one year after your expected program start date. If the passport picture and information are not legible, your application may be denied. Please send a good copy with the other documents.
- **TOEFL or IELTS test results:** Submitting test results are optional. If you do not have an IELTS or TOEFL score, you are still eligible for admittance to the ELI. Students with NO Basic English skills cannot be admitted.

**All application documents can be submitted by email to [ELI@SHSU.EDU](mailto:ELI@SHSU.EDU)**

### **English Language Institute Program Cost**

Tuition & Books	\$2600.00	Per 8 week session
University Fees	150.00	Per 16 week semester
Placement Test	50.00	One-time fee
Application Fee	75.00	One-time fee

Cost of textbooks are included.

#### **Mandatory International Student Insurance**

(Amount based on initial semester student begins ELI and will automatically renew every fall term)

Fall	\$1,453.00	(annual amount)
Spring/Summer	\$ 900.00	(renew in fall)
Summer	\$ 307.00	(renew in fall)

For more information please feel free to visit our website [The English Language Institute](http://The English Language Institute) or email us at [ELI@SHSU.EDU](mailto:ELI@SHSU.EDU)

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### **\*Estimate of Undergraduate Tuition as of Fall 2015**

International Student Tuition/Fees per semester	\$8,777*
Books, supplies, Mandatory International Student Health Insurance (12 months)	\$3,303
Residence Halls (varying cost)	\$1,956
Meal Plan (meal plan optional)	\$1,890
Approximate Total Cost for One Semester	<b>\$15,926</b>

\*Cost of Classes Vary by Department\*

## **2017 – 2018 ELI Proposed Program Dates**

### **Summer 2017 – June 12 – August 11, 2017**

New Student Orientation – June 12-13

First day of class – June 14, Wednesday

Graduation and Awards Ceremony – August 11

### **Fall I 2017**

New Student Orientation -- August 14-15

First day of class – August -- 16

Awards Ceremony -- October 13

### **Fall II 2017**

New Student Orientation – October 16 – 17

First Day Class – October 18

Award Ceremony – December 15

### **Spring I 2017**

New Student Orientation – January 15-16

First Day of Class – January – 17

Award Ceremony – March 16

### **Spring II 2017**

New Student Orientation – March 26–27

First Day of Class – March 30

Award Ceremony – May 25

Dates are subject to change. Please check the website for any updates.

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/international-programs/english-language-institute/program-information.html>

## From ELI to Academic Studies at Sam Houston State University

The following pages will outline the steps to apply for admission to an undergraduate program after completion of Level 5 courses in the English Language Institute. We will give a brief overview of some of our many outstanding programs. Please visit the College websites to learn more about the programs. It is suggested that you discuss your plans for study with an academic advisor in the [SAM Center](#) at SHSU. Staff in the [Office of International Programs](#) will be glad to speak to you on the phone, e-mail or Skype in order to answer your admission questions.

### [International Student Admission Information On-line](#)



### Steps to Go From an ELI Student to Undergraduate Student

- You must pass at least two sessions of ELI classes through Level 5 to apply for admission to an undergraduate program without taking the TOEFL. You must then take a college placement test called the [Texas Success Initiative Test \(TSI\)](#) which is available in the SHSU Test Center. (All Texas universities, as do most in the US, required college placement tests). The TSI tests you in Reading, Writing, and Math and can be taken in place of the ACT or SAT. Your ELI courses prepare you for the Reading and Writing portions of this test.
- [ApplyTexas.org](#)- If you have not already done so, you will fill out the [ApplyTexas.org](#) application for undergraduate admission.
- **Transcripts:** If you did not apply for Conditional Admission when you applied to enroll in the ELI, you must provide copies of transcripts from other institutions you have attended. A [Third Party Transcript Evaluation](#) of previous college credits is required. See following list of Evaluation companies.



## Transcript Evaluators

Global Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P. O. Box 9203

College Station, TX 77842

Telephone: (800)-707-0979

Email: [gce@gceus.com](mailto:gce@gceus.com)

[www.gceus.com](http://www.gceus.com)

International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P. O. Box 2465

Denton, TX 76202-2585

Telephone: (940) 383-7498 or

(972) 664-1584

Email: [staff@iacei.net](mailto:staff@iacei.net)

[www.iacei.net](http://www.iacei.net)

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

P.O. Box 514070

Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470

USA

Telephone: (414) 289-3400

FAX: (414) 289-3411

Email: [eval@ece.org](mailto:eval@ece.org)

[www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org)

SDR Educational Consultants

**Mailing Address:** 2600 Gessner, Suite 267, Houston, Texas 77080

Telephone: 713-460-3525

FAX: 713-460-5344

E-Mail: [info@sdreducational.org](mailto:info@sdreducational.org)

[www.sdreducational.org](http://www.sdreducational.org)

### [OTHER APPROVED EVALUATORS](#)

## Applying for a SHSU Graduate Program After ELI

- We do not offer Conditional Admission to Graduate Programs. (If you do not have the required TOEFL score and want to attend the ELI, the Office of International Programs will be glad to issue you a “Letter of Intent” for your visa interview that states that you plan to apply to a graduate program after completing the ELI). Students must meet all of the admission requirements of the graduate program they wish to pursue. A list of graduate programs and links to admission requirements can be found on the [SHSU Graduate Admissions Website](#).
- A list of the different graduate degree programs, contacts, and more information can be found on the [Master Degrees Offered SHSU site](#).

**TIPS:** Many students are interested in our [MBA Program](#). The MBA Program is not offered on our main campus in Huntsville, TX. It is offered on our Woodlands campus located in The Woodlands, TX which is 45 miles south of Huntsville. This should be taken into consideration when signing a lease for an apartment in Huntsville while completing your ELI courses. Each ELI session is 8 weeks long, with 5 sessions offered a year. There are two sessions in the spring and fall and one is in the summer. So, if you are starting at Level 4, it will take you two sessions (Level 4 & 5) or 4 months to complete the ELI Program.



## Colleges and Majors

### College of Business

The College of Business Administration at Sam Houston State University offers challenging classes taught by highly qualified faculty. Small classes encourage an interactive and personal educational environment for our students.

The College of Business offers the bachelor of business administration degree at the undergraduate level in eleven major fields of study: accounting, banking and financial institutions, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, general business administration, human resource management, international business, management, management information systems, and marketing. In addition, the College offers a 4.5 year degree program for qualified students leading to a BBA in General Business Administration with a specialization in PGA Golf Management.

At the graduate level the College offers the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Science in Accounting and the Master of Science in Project Management. The College also offers an online Executive MBA in Banking and Financial Information. All business degree programs are accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

### College of Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University is a top criminal justice college and continues to set the national standard for the study of criminal justice in higher education. Since 1963, the college has been at the forefront of both criminal justice research and criminal justice sciences. Learn from our faculty, a worldwide collection of the most respected criminal justice experts in the study of criminal justice, who bring modern technological methods and advanced applications into the classroom.

- Choose from a large criminal justice course selection, including online courses
- Study at research Institutes in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Victims, and Legal Studies
- Join active Honor societies and Student Associations
- Access to world renowned law enforcement and correctional training institutes
- Apply for several criminal justice scholarships and graduate student assistantships

Grow personally and professionally by pursuing an exciting career with a criminal justice degree. Embrace all of the resources the College of Criminal Justice has to offer through our undergraduate degrees, masters degrees, and Ph.D. program.

Apply today and choose a criminal justice degree program that opens a world of opportunity in the field of criminal justice.

### College of Education

Since the formative days of the University, excellent programs for undergraduate students have been at the center of our mission. Our educator preparation programs have been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1954. In the COE, a bachelor's degree may lead to teaching in the elementary, middle or secondary grades, or in bilingual or special education. Other areas of study include: kinesiology, exercise science, athletic

training, health, health-fitness, or human services. Undergraduate coursework is offered by five COE departments: Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Leadership and Counseling, Health and Kinesiology, Language, Literacy and Special Populations, and Library Science.

## College of Sciences

**Biological Sciences**-Biology, the study of living things, is an exciting and dynamic field that offers many areas of focus. Students may choose to study how life forms function at the molecular, cellular, organismal or ecological levels. The biological sciences provide opportunities to study viruses, bacteria, fungi, plants, and animals and to investigate the biochemical, physiological, anatomical, behavioral, or ecological processes that make each organism unique.

The objectives of the Biology Program are:

(1) to present to the general university student the methods of science and the fundamental principles of biology;

(2) to provide students with broad foundation training in biology in preparation for professional careers in teaching, medicine, dentistry (and other health professions), biotechnology, industry, government and research; and

(3) to provide training in specialized fields as service to programs in Agriculture, Psychology, Health, Home Economics, Kinesiology, and others.

The Biology major may choose from among two degree programs: Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science. BA, BS degrees in Biology, a Master's Program in Biology is also offered.

**Chemistry**- The faculty at Sam Houston State University feel that research is an integral part of one's training in chemistry. It is in the research laboratory that students begin to learn how to be a chemist. The research laboratory is where the knowledge acquired in the classroom is utilized to pursue a problem in chemistry. The department's analytical instrumentation includes state-of-the-art fluorescence spectrometry, FT-IR spectrometry, gas chromatography with mass selective detection (GC-MS), hydride generation atomic absorption spectrometry, inductively coupled plasma spectrometry, and 300 MHz NMR, and UV-Vis spectrometry among others. Chemistry faculty are variously involved in the Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES, based at SHSU) where much of these instruments are located in a modern laboratory setting. Undergraduate students get extensive hands-on use of these instruments in their research projects.

**Computer Science**-The Department of Computer Science is dedicated to providing the highest quality education possible to its graduate and undergraduate students through excellence in teaching and excellence in research. Faculty members in the Department of Computer Science pursue a wide range of interests in the field of computer science, from design of programming languages, to neural networks and other aspects of networking, to data mining, informatics, and cryptography. SHSU computer scientists also make important and timely contributions to the literature of the discipline, including editing of scholarly journals and publication in professional periodicals and at major conferences. Quality instruction is a major focus of the department as well. Faculty members teach courses in networking, network security, programming, parallel computing, data structures, steganography, multimedia forensics, and more. **The department's special strengths in digital forensics - exemplified by the Center of Excellence in Digital Forensics**

**- demonstrates the faculty's commitment to serving the public at all levels. The center's work has great potential utility for law enforcement, public safety, and national security.**

**The B.S. in Forensic Chemistry-** The department also offers the B.S. in Forensic Chemistry and this degree is the first of its kind in Texas. This growing field of chemistry is exciting and there is an increasing demand for chemists in this area. The advent of instrumental methods of forensic analyses has allowed for the detection of vanishingly small amounts of blood, metals, tissue, DNA, etc. These advances have revolutionized forensic crime solving and increased the need for trained forensic chemists. Successful completion of this degree program allows the student to apply for the program leading to the M.S. in Forensic Science, an interdepartmental graduate degree offered jointly in the Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Criminal Justice.

**Agricultural Engineering and Technology-** The purpose of the Agricultural Engineering Technology curriculum is to provide an educational experience based on the fundamentals of engineering principles and practices. Theory-based lectures will be accompanied by experiential learning activities for persons who intend to pursue a career related to the technical operation and management of an agriculture enterprise. It is expected that graduates will choose a position of leadership and responsibility in a career area associated with service and sales, production, processing, product testing or a government agency.

The **Industrial Management** program prepares men and women for today's technological and global world of work. Graduates are prepared to be active and productive members of a manufacturing team and practice basic supervisory skills used in the development, production and marketing of goods and services. Hands-on applications in design and development, work methods, facilities layout, production and operations control, marketing, safety, and supervisory techniques prepare the individual to be a positive interface and catalyst between the manager, engineer and industrial technologist.

**The Design and Development** option focuses on creating drawings and sketches of products. Designers assist engineers in developing product prototypes and models. The concentration focuses on design study to assist in implementation of technology innovation, materials, and aesthetic values. The academic concentration is interdisciplinary with course requirements in business/ marketing, management, production, and quality control analysis. As a graduate of the Design and Development in the Industrial Technology Program, you will find career opportunities in entry-level management positions such as CAD operator in industry, Product Designer and Architectural Designer.

Competencies to obtain by the student will include:

- Computer and presentation skills
- Comprehension of blueprints and product design specifications
- Problem- solving skills
- Communication skills

As a graduate of the Design and Development in the Industrial Technology Program, you will find career opportunities in entry-level management positions as a CAD operator in industry, Product Designer and Architectural Designer.

**Construction Management-** The Construction Management option prepares graduates for exciting careers in the construction industry. The academic concentration is interdisciplinary with course requirements in business, management, natural sciences, and technology. The focus is on teaching integrated management techniques with innovative construction practices. Competencies the student will possess when completing the degree option include:

- Problem-solving skills
- Utilizing time management to delegate and make timely decisions
- Communicate concisely in oral and writing formats
- Become an innovative and critical thinker

As a graduate of Construction Management in the Industrial Technology Program, you will find career opportunities in entry-level management positions as a:

- Field Supervision
- Planning
- Estimating
- Scheduling
- Quality Control
- Project Administration

### [The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication](#)

The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication combines five outstanding departments into one dynamic college: **The Departments of Art, Dance, Mass Communication, Theatre, Musical Theatre and School of Music**. Our state-of-the art facilities complement our state-of-the art educational programming, exemplifying passionate learning, and limitless creativity. Our goal is to provide programs that nurture imagination, expand knowledge and advance the talents that shape our contemporary culture and media landscape.

**Master's in Mass Communication-** In the ever-changing media world, Sam Houston State University is offering students and working professionals, alike, the opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and experience in working with digital media. Approved by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in December, the SHSU Mass Communication Department's new **Master of Arts** in digital media program currently is accepting applications. The program was designed to reinforce both the practical and theoretical components of working in all areas of the media, focusing on two emphases: a digital media production track and a digital media studies track. The digital media production track will be offered for students who want to shoot and create digital media products and manage projects in the media world, while the digital media studies track was developed for students who want to understand the digital media environment from social, cultural and political perspectives and think critically about the content that gets created, as well as for those who want to teach at the college level, according to program coordinator Robin Johnson, assistant professor of mass communication. Students in both tracks will take 36 credit hours of classes and complete a thesis or final project.

### [College of Humanities and Social Science](#)

As a student in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, you'll gain an education from a college that is ranked fifth nationally, based on faculty scholarly productivity and doctoral programs, by the Academic Analytics Company.

You'll be part of Sam Houston State University's newest college (created in 2004) in the newest (opened in March 2009)—and largest—academic building on campus, the \$30 million College of Humanities and Social Sciences building. This beautiful building was created with students like you in mind. Features include:

- 24-hour computer labs with an abundance of computers and televisions
- "Smart" classrooms with state-of-the-art technology—geared toward enhancing the teaching and learning experience
- 150,000 square feet of classroom space, student services areas and faculty and administrative offices—so you have easy access to faculty and administrators
- The 10,000-square-foot, national award-winning Student Advising and Mentoring (SAM) Center
- Professional and Academic Center for Excellence (PACE), created to ensure your faculty are exceptional teachers

The College has eight departments:

- Communication Studies
- English
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Foreign Languages
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology & Philosophy
- Sociology

### **College of Health Sciences**

The College of Health Sciences is proud to announce that effective **September 1, 2014**, the Department of Health and Kinesiology will be reorganized into two departments offering the following new and existing degree programs:

**Department of Kinesiology**- <http://www.shsu.edu/academics/health-sciences/kinesiology/index.html>

- BS Kinesiology: Generalist, Exercise Science, Teacher Education, Athletic Training **NEW**
- MA Kinesiology: Sport Management, MA Kinesiology: Sport and Human Performance

### **Department of Health Services and Promotion**

- BA Bilingual Health Care Studies
- BS Public Health **NEW**
- BS Wellness Management **NEW**
- BS Healthcare Administration **NEW**
- BS Health Sciences **NEW**
- MA Health

The **School of Nursing** will also offer two **NEW** degree tracks effective September 1:

- RN to BSN and LVN to BSN