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.

Geography

Geography is not about memorizing place-names and coloring maps; rather, it focuses on fully understanding the earth and all of its human and natural complexities.

The geography program at Sam Houston State University offers students three tracks of study: human geography (BA or BS), environmental geography (BA or BS), and geo-spatial information systems (BS). Teacher certification is also available with a geography emphasis.
Geography Bachelor’s Degree

Engage Your Curiosity

Geography is an all-encompassing discipline that includes an understanding of both the physical environment and the cultural world of politics, economics, population, religion, and other human phenomena. Because of the breadth of its subject matter, geography integrates information from a wide variety of other disciplines and examines that information from a spatial perspective. For an individual curious about the world, few disciplines satisfy that curiosity as much as geography.

Because of the breadth of geography, there are a wide variety of career options for graduates. These opportunities include careers in urban planning, transportation departments, historical preservation, energy companies, emergency management, military, and more.

Scholarships

Students may apply for geography 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

The geography program incorporates a three-track curriculum and is designed to fit the particular academic needs of our students and better prepare them for life beyond SHSU, particularly in terms of graduate study or employment opportunities. The human geography track is designed for students primarily interested in the broad geographical study of human or cultural phenomena. The environmental geography track is designed for students interested in orienting their program of study around the spatial interactions between human society and the physical environment. The geo-spatial information sciences track is designed for students more interested in developing skills in the application of a variety of geo-spatial technologies. The combination of a geography major and a GSS minor that emphasizes Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing, and computer cartography is highly marketable. Students interested in obtaining teacher certification should pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in social science composite with a geography emphasis.

“Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant.” – Michael Palin