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 School of Music at Sam Houston State University offers a number of options for students interested in studying music. The Bachelor of Arts in music is the appropriate choice for students who would like a general music education. The Bachelor of Music offers three distinct tracks of study: performance, music education, and composition.
Music Bachelor’s Degree

Find Your Rhythm

Students with previous musical experience who would like to major in music may do so with either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Music (BM) degree.

The BA degree provides students with a general foundation in music and requires the study of a foreign language.

The BM degree requires that students specify a track of study of performance, music education/teacher certification, or composition. The performance track is further specialized in instrumental, vocal, or piano. The teacher certification track, which qualifies students for All-Level State Certification to teach music in early childhood through twelfth grade, is further specialized in instrumental, string, or choral.

AUDITIONS

All students entering the School of Music as music majors must audition in their major performance area and be accepted for their specific degree plan.

COURSEWORK

All music majors receive training in applied music, music theory, music history, and, where appropriate, professional training specific to a particular field. Each student receives private instruction in his or her principal applied area, participates in musical ensembles, and is afforded a multitude of opportunities to grow and develop as a musician.

The School of Music offers instruction in the following applied areas: bassoon, clarinet, euphonium, flute, guitar, harp, horn, oboe, organ, percussion, piano, trumpet, trombone, tuba, saxophone, string bass, viola, violin, violoncello, and voice.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for music 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.