

Sam Houston State University
2002 Institutional Fact Book

Historical Events

Period	Event
1876	Austin College moved to Sherman Texas
1879	Austin Hall acquired by Huntsville citizens
April 27, 1879	Sam Houston Normal Institute, authorized by Texas Gov. Oran M. Roberts, becomes the first teacher-training school in the southwestern United States
Oct 10, 1879	Sam Houston Normal Institute opens with 110 students and four faculty
1890	Old Main built and occupied
1902	Peabody Library Built
1908	Enrollment increases to 529
1919	First baccalaureate degree awarded
1923	Sam Houston Normal Institute changes its name to Sam Houston State Teachers College
1925	Sam Houston State Teachers College becomes a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1936	Graduate programs offered
1936	Women's Dormitory, Belvin Hall, built
1964	Enrollment exceeds 5000
1965	Sam Houston State Teachers College changes its name to Sam Houston State College
1969	Sam Houston State College
1965-1970	Criminal Justice Program developed
1965-1970	Newton Gresham Library built
1965-1970	Enrollment surpasses 8,500
1970-1981	East Campus developed which includes the University Theatre Center, Teacher Education Center, Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum, and George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center
1982	Old Main destroyed by fire
1981-1989	Dan Rather Communications Building, Health/Kinesiology Building, Lee Drain Building, Fine Arts Building, and the 13,000 seat Elliott T. Bowers Stadium are all built
1990-1995	Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES) established
1990-1995	Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas moved to SHSU from Austin
1990-1995	Katy and E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center Built