

DOCTOR OF
PHILOSOPHY DEGREE
IN
DIGITAL AND CYBER
FORENSIC SCIENCE



PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Application Instructions

1. All application materials must be received by February 28th for consideration the following academic year. Students are accepted in the Fall semester only. A holistic review of each student's application is completed on a competitive basis. Incomplete application will not be reviewed.
2. A Graduate Admissions Application – <http://www/shsu.edu/admissions/> (ApplyTexas.org) must be completed online with a non-refundable application fee.
3. Students must have completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or closely related discipline, or a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or natural science.
4. All official transcripts from all universities/colleges attended must be submitted. Credits that have been closely related field in computers and engineering that have been transferred to another school and appear on the school's transcript are not acceptable as official admissions credentials. These must be requested from each school attended. If the courses are in progress, an updated transcript must be sent when they are completed.
5. Test scores for the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test (GRE) must be submitted. Scores cannot be more than five years old at the time of application.
6. Three letters of recommendation, two of which should be from academic sources. Please submit the Admission Recommendation Checklist with these letters.
7. A personal statement or essay. This should be less than 1,000 words, typed double-spaced and written in narrative form.
8. International students must submit a TOEFL score (test that measures your ability to use and understand English at the university level). There are two formats: Internet-based Test (IBT) and Paper-based Test (PBT) score of at least 550 on the paper-based test (PBT) or at least 79 on the internet-based test (BT) and demonstrate a speaking knowledge of English. International students must also submit original evaluation of foreign educational credentials.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

No otherwise qualified applicant for student enrollment shall be illegally denied admission to Sam Houston State University on the basis of sex, religion, race, color, national origin, age, disability, or other criteria prohibited by law.



**PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
DIGITAL AND CYBER FORENSICS SCIENCE
DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

PERSONAL DATA

Date: _____

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
Social Security #:	Email Address:	
Home Address (Street/Box/Apt):		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Work Address (Street/Box/Apt):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Fax:

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Check One

Currently enrolled in a graduate program? Yes No If yes, where?
Previously been enrolled at SHSU? Yes No If yes, year last enrolled:
Name under which you were enrolled, if different from above:

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Institution/Address	Degree	Major/Minor	Year Awarded

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES HELD IN HONORARY, COLLEGIATE, AND PROFESSIONAL, ORGANIZATION

(Please place additional information on a separate sheet of paper)

PUBLICATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS

(Please place additional information on a separate sheet of paper)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please attach a personal statement, not to exceed one thousand (1000) words.
Include in your statement the following:

- Your reasons for pursuing an advanced graduate education;
- Your career goals and how the program in Digital and Cyber Forensics Science will help you to achieve your goals; and
- Prior experiences which relate to your interest in, and aptitude for, the graduate program.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information submitted in this form and on all credentials submitted in support of my application are complete and accurate. I understand that inaccurate information may affect my admissibility to Graduate Studies and/or may be grounds for dismissal from the program and/or the university.

Signature of Applicant / Date

Graduate Application Supplement

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Applicant's Information:

Last:	First:	Middle:
Major:	Minor:	

The following undergraduate courses are helpful in pursuing a graduate degree in digital and cyber forensic science. To expedite the review process, please indicate whether you have completed, or are in the process of completing the following undergraduate courses. Courses shown in **bold** are required. Courses shown in *italic* are recommended.

Course Name	Course Number	Institution	Completion Date	Grade
<i>Architecture</i>				
<i>Algorithms</i>				
<i>Programming</i>				
<i>Data Structures</i>				
<i>Networks</i>				
<i>Database</i>				
<i>Operating Systems</i>				

If you would like to provide additional comments, or list relevant course, please do so in the space provided below:

Application Checklist

- _____ Graduate Admissions Application
- _____ Non-refundable application fee
- _____ Official transcripts
- _____ Test scores for the Graduate Record Examination
- _____ Three (3) letters of recommendation and Admission Recommendation Checklist
- _____ Program application
- _____ Personal statement or essay
- _____ TOEFL scores (if applicable)

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