SHSU Catalog (2025/2026)

SH	Sam Houston State University
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	Bachelor of Scie	nce, Fore	nsic Chemistry		
CORE REQUIREMENTS		Department of Chemistry		936.294.1532	chemistry@shsu.edu
Course Name		Hours	TCCNS		SHSU
	Co	mmunicatior	ı (6 hours)		
Composition I		3	ENGL 1301		ENGL 1301
Composition II		3	ENGL 1302		ENGL 1302
	M	athematics (3	3 hours) ^{1,3}		
Calculus I		4	MATH 2413		MATH 1420
	Life & P	hysical Scier	nces (6 hours) ^{2,3}		
Choose <u>tw</u>	<u>o</u> courses from your cu	irrent Texas	community college's co	ore approved list	•
	Language, I	Philosophy, &	& Culture (3 hours)		
Choose <u>or</u>	<u>e</u> course from your cu	rrent Texas	community college's co	re approved list.	
		reative Arts		••	
Choose or			community college's co	re approved list.	
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United States History to 1876		3	HIST 1301		HSTY 1301
United States History since 1876		3	HIST 1302		HSTY 1302
	Governme	ent/Political	Science (6 hours)		
American Government		3	GOVT 2305		POLS 2305
Texas Government		3	GOVT 2306		POLS 2306
	Social & 1	Behavioral S	cience (3 hours) ⁴		
Choose <u>or</u>	<u>e</u> course from your cu	rrent Texas	community college's co	re approved list.	
	Component Area	Option Reco	ommendations (6 hours)1	
Choose <u>tw</u>	<u>o</u> courses from your cu	ırrent Texas	community college's co	ore approved list	•
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	Full degree can be found here: https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-of-science-in-forensic-chemistry/index.html				
Course Name		Hours	TCCNS		SHSU
Calculus II ³		4	MATH 2414		MATH 1430
General Chemistry I ³		4	CHEM 1411		CHEM 1411
General Chemistry II ³		4	CHEM 1412		CHEM 1412
Organic Chemistry I Lecture & Lab ³		4	CHEM 2323/2123	C	CHEM 23232/2123
Organic Chemistry II Lecture & Lab ³		4	CHEM 2325/2125		CHEM 2325/2125
General Physics Mechanics & Physics Lab I OR Introduction to Physics I ³		4	PHYS 1301/1101 PHYS 2425		PHYS 1301/1101 PHYS 1411
General Physics-Sound, Light, Electricity, & Magnetism, & Physics Lab II OR Introduction to Physics II ³		4	PHYS 1302/1102 PHYS 2426		PHYS 1302/1102 PHYS 1422
General Biology I		4	BIOL 1406		BIOL 1406
General Biology II		4	BIOL 1407		BIOL 1407
	Courses appli	cable to a Cr	iminal Justice Minor		
Into to the Criminal Justice System ⁴		3	CRIJ 1301		CRIJ 2361
mito to the Criminal Justice	System				
Criminology	System	3	CRIJ 1307		CRIJ 2362

*SHSU accepts a maximum of 70 credit hours: 66 academic hours + 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) hours. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework, overall major GPA in all major coursework, SHSU GPA in all coursework, and SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.

This sequence has three options for required minor as listed <u>here</u>: no minor in Forensic Science or Criminal Justice, a minor in Forensic Science, or a minor in Criminal Justice.

A grade of C or higher is required for CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412, CHEM 2323, CHEM 2123, CHEM 2325, CHEM 2125, CHEM 2401, CHEM 3367, CHEM 4448 and CHEM 4440, and in all required Physics and Mathematics courses.

1 - MATH 1420 requirement for Core Curriculum Component Area II (Mathematics) as well as one hour of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

2 - CHEM 1411 and CHEM 1412 satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) and the Major Specific requirement.

3 - These are priority courses as they are pre-requisites for higher level major courses.

4 - Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)