CONNECT TO SUCCESS
As a Bearkat you have the opportunity to make significant contributions to your community and to the world. Our outstanding faculty, caring staff, and supportive community of students will help you discover your talents and hone your skills. When you connect to your mission at SHSU, you connect to a lifetime of success.
FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (FYE)
FYE includes UNIV 1301, a three-credit-hour, first-year introduction to critical inquiry seminar, and Freshman Learning Communities, which are groups of students who take classes together. In UNIV 1301, you will lay the groundwork for extraordinary academic and personal growth. Explore, elevate, and transform your college experience!

shsu.edu/fye

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING CENTER (SAM CENTER)
The SAM Center is a resource dedicated to helping undergraduate students adjust to academic life at Sam Houston State University. Services offered, which are varied and designed to elevate students’ academic and personal skills, include academic advising, academic improvement mentoring, and study skills workshops.

shsu.edu/samcenter

BEARKAT CAMP
Whether you are an incoming freshman or a transfer student, you have the opportunity to take part in Bearkat Camp and experience the spirit, pride, and tradition that have been a part of SHSU since 1879. The freshman camp is four days, three nights, while the transfer camp is two days, one night.

shsu.edu/bearkatcamp

FRESHMAN LEARNING COMMUNITIES (FLCs)
FLCs allow you to take classes with students who have the same interests or major as you. Joining a FLC provides a unique opportunity to build a supportive academic community and develop valuable friendships at the start of your first year. With residential and non-residential learning community options and a variety of majors and themes, there is a learning community for everyone!

shsu.edu/flc

THE ELLIOTT T. BOWERS HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College offers interdisciplinary courses and cultural and social experiences for its community of scholars, leading to an unusually broad and intellectually stimulating educational experience that emphasizes undergraduate research.

shsu.edu/honors

ACCEPTED STUDENTS & BEARKAT ORIENTATION
The Accepted Students & Bearkat Orientation Office assists students and their families as they become part of the Bearkat family at Sam Houston State University. Once accepted, students are encouraged to use resources such as the Accepted Student Checklists and Bearkat Orientation to help them complete their enrollment at SHSU. All incoming freshmen are required to attend an orientation session to help with their transition.

shsu.edu/asbo

At SHSU, we'll help you find your place on our thriving campus with hundreds of opportunities to study with world-class faculty, play sports, volunteer, and learn from your peers. Your path to a successful career begins with connecting your curiosity at Sam Houston State University.
COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Social networking, resume building, leadership development, and new friendships—these are just a few of the benefits that come with being involved on campus. With over 260 organizations that are actively engaged on campus, it is easy to find one that is right for you. Students and the campus community can search for organizations through OrgLINK, SHSU’s online involvement system.

shsu.edu/orglink

INTERNSHIPS
Internships are one of the most important factors to gaining successful employment after graduation. Internships offer many benefits besides extra money or academic credit. In an internship, you can:
- Gain real-life work experience
- Test the waters in a variety of career fields
- Connect with experienced people who can mentor you.

shsu.edu/careerservices

STUDY ABROAD
The world is interconnected. From global commerce to geopolitical issues, the ability to think globally while acting locally will be critical to your success. SHSU offers students the opportunity to engage in an educational and cultural learning experience. Students can study abroad at one of our 21 exchange universities in 13 countries, through an independent accredited organization, or as part of a faculty-led summer course.

shsu.edu/study-abroad

CAREER SERVICES
Undecided? Need help choosing a major? SHSU Career Services offers you a variety of complimentary services, including career counseling and assessments. We can also help you select your major and assist with finding internships, part-time jobs, and full-time employment opportunities when you graduate.

shsu.edu/careerservices

LIFELONG BONDS
START HERE

RESIDENCE LIFE
SHSU offers a variety of on-campus living options to thousands of Bearkats, including female and coed residence halls and apartments; living-learning communities for honors students and specific majors; and sorority housing. All first-year students who have been out of high school for less than a year are required to live in university residence halls and participate in the university meal plan. Once accepted to SHSU, you may submit your application for housing. Floorplans and photos of residence halls are available online.

shsu.edu/reslife

22 residence halls
3,800 resident Bearkats
260 student organizations

190+ students study abroad each year in OVER 14 COUNTRIES

“I love the close-knit community here!”—JOSH, FRESHMAN
EXPERIENCE THE SHSU

KATTRIBUTES

These SHSU Kattributes are most representative of the SHSU student body and most desired by potential employers.

→ CRITICAL THINKING
Analyzing and evaluating in order to make informed and thoughtful decisions

→ COMMUNICATION
Developing healthy relationships, successful interactions, and deep learning

→ TEAMWORK
Being part of a culture of collaboration that produces more and better results

→ ETHICS
Living by a moral compass for honest, responsible behavior

→ CAREER READY
Being self-reflective and flexible; dependable and courageous
AFFORDABLE EDUCATION FOR ALL

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid consists of grants, scholarships, loans, and work study. Most aid, except for scholarships, is based on individual need and eligibility.

- **GRANTS** are gift aid and do not have to be repaid.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** are generally merit-based gifts that do not require repayment.
- **LOANS** must be repaid with interest.
- **WORK STUDY** provides wages for part-time employment with SHSU.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available on October 1. For faster processing, apply online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). The Title IV code for SHSU is 003606.

FAFSA priority deadlines are November 1 (Fall and Spring) and September 30 (Spring only).

shsu.edu/finaid / (936) 294-1774

BEARKAT PROMISE
The Bearkat Promise guarantees all participating students enough grant and scholarship funds to cover the cost of mandatory* tuition and fees for 15 credit hours per semester!

*The Bearkat Promise does not cover other non-mandatory fees.

SCHOLARSHIPS
The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office administers more than 600 scholarships for achievement in academic, leadership, honors, and extracurricular activities. SHSU uses a streamlined application, Scholarships4Kats, allowing students to be automatically considered for all relevant scholarships. Once accepted to SHSU, students have access to the online scholarship application portal.

shsu.edu/scholarships / (936) 294-1774

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

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* Based upon Fall 2018 rates and subject to change. Please contact the Bursar’s Office for the most up-to-date financial information. For international and out-of-state costs, please go to [shsu.edu/cost](http://shsu.edu/cost).

TERRY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
The Terry Scholarship includes a generous award that covers six to eight full semesters of tuition, books, and expected on-campus living expenses at SHSU. Terry Scholars also benefit from specialized mentoring, as well as outstanding opportunities for personal and professional development through service activities.

In keeping with the Foundation’s desire for Terry Scholars who are “well rounded” and “hard working,” applicants will be evaluated with respect to three evenly weighted criteria: academic performance, as evidenced by grades, class rank, and ACT or SAT scores; demonstrated leadership skills, especially within one’s school and local community; and financial need.

[shsu.edu/terry-foundation](http://shsu.edu/terry-foundation)
APPLYING IS EASY

PREPARING YOU FOR TOMORROW
Apply as a freshman if you are in your final year of high school and have not yet enrolled at a university or college. Visit the link below to find all the information and resources you need to determine if you are ready to be a freshman Bearkat.

→ shsu.edu/admissions

COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR SHSU
Pay the $45 non-refundable application fee at ApplyTexas.org.

SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS
Ask your high school to send an electronic final official high school transcript with final GPA, date of graduation, and graduation plan to Sam Houston State University (code: 003606).

SUBMIT YOUR TEST SCORES
Contact the appropriate testing agency to request an electronic submission of your test scores be sent to SHSU.
- Send SAT scores to school code 6643 for SHSU.
- Send ACT scores to school code 4162 for SHSU.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
FALL August 1
SPRING December 1
SUMMER May 15

REQUIREMENTS
Eligible prospective freshmen should graduate high school with one of the following diploma types: Recommended (UAS), Distinguished (UAS), Foundations with Endorsement(s) (HBS)*, or Distinguished Achievement (HBS). Additionally:
A. Automatic acceptance for top 10% regardless of high school GPA or ACT or SAT score. Students automatically accepted into SHSU still need to submit test scores to be considered for certain scholarships.
B. Automatic acceptance for students who meet the minimum composite SAT/ACT requirements by appropriate high school GPA ranges as indicated on the chart below (the requirements are based on a 4.0 scale):

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The requirements summarized in the above table are for Texas high school students on the Recommended (UAS), Distinguished (UAS), Foundations with Endorsement(s) (HBS)*, or Distinguished Achievement (HBS) plans. Graduates of a non-accredited high school and students who earned the GED must meet the requirements listed in the SHSU Undergraduate Catalog (catalog.shsu.edu).

*The endorsement earned must be noted on the transcript provided.
Questions? Our world-class faculty, staff, and alumni are here to help! Pre-health professional students are not required to major in a specific subject, but they must meet the entrance requirements for the professional school of their choice. Below are the recommended majors that most closely align with those requirements. More details about each area are available online.

→ shsu.edu/academics/oppa/explore-majors

*Concentrations and online programs are available. Please visit shsu.edu/degrees for a full listing.

**MAJORS FOR PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS**

80+ undergraduate degrees offered
CAMPUS TOURS
SHSU offers tours during weekdays and on specified Saturdays; Spanish tours are also available. To schedule an appointment, call Visitor Services at (936) 294-1844, email visitsam@shsu.edu, or visit our website at shsu.edu/visit.

SATURDAY@SAM
SHSU offers campus preview days in both the spring and the fall. Learn more and sign up online at shsu.edu/saturday.

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