SHSU KATFACTS

BEST COLLEGES FOR THE MONEY
OVER EIGHTY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES & COUNTING

FACTOR TO STUDENT RATIO
1:25 MORE THAN 230 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

COMMUNITY ENGAGED UNIVERSITY

Other fine arts degrees in the Department of Art:
• Computer Animation, BFA
• Photography, BFA
• Studio Art - 2D, BFA
• Studio Art - 3D, BFA

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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
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A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design introduces students to a means of visual communication, organization, and persuasion. It prepares students for employment in a range of design disciplines, and provides them with an understanding of ideation, visual organization, typography, and production tools. Students use technology to apply their knowledge in the creation, reproduction, and distribution of visual information. BFA students develop a portfolio of their work, participate in a Graphic Design Senior Exhibition, and take part in portfolio reviews with professional designers.

REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass the BFA Portfolio Review after completing 15 hours of ARTS foundation courses. Graphic design majors must also pass the Graphic Design Portfolio Review at the end of their first year in graphic design coursework. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in SHSU ARTS courses to graduate with a BFA. Students are required to purchase a laptop specified for the BFA in Graphic Design. For more information, visit shsu.edu/laptopinitiative.

Minors: A minor is not required for BFA degrees. However, students are encouraged to minor in art history or choose a minor that best suits their career goals.

CAREERS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Graphic Design Firms
- Advertising Agencies
- Newspapers/Publishers
- In-House Designer
- Freelance Designer
- Web Designer
- Package Designer
- Illustrator

FACILITIES

The Department has over 30,000 square feet of space devoted to studios, laboratories, lecture halls and galleries, including newly renovated space for Photography and Digital Media. The Photography Program has fully equipped darkroom for black and white photography and alternative processes, a digital lab with professional printing capabilities. A 1000 square foot space is equipped with lights, backdrops and equipment for creating professional quality studio work. The FAMC Creative Community is a residence hall dedicated to Fine Arts students and includes newly renovated studios, practice rooms, recording studios, digital labs, a green screen, and an art gallery.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming freshman are eligible to apply for the Weldon Hall Scholarship from the Department of Art, see shsu.edu/artscholarships for more details. Students may apply for art scholarships and non-degree specific scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats 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.