

College Information

Post High School Options

- Military
- Work
- 2 Year School
 - Basics then transfer
 - Two year degree
- 4 Year College or University

Education Income Level

- Professional Degree \$119,343
- Doctorate Degree \$93,593
- Master's Degree \$68,302
- Bachelor's Degree \$56,740
- Associate Degree \$39,662
- High School Diploma \$31,664
- No High School Diploma \$23,612

A college graduate can earn up to \$1 million more than a person with a high school diploma.

Military

◉ ROTC

- Scholarship based on ability and grades
- College funding
- Reserves

◉ Enlist

- High school graduate
- College assistance

◉ Reserves

- Part-time military
- College assistance

2 Year School

○ Community College

- Tuition and fees based on residency
- Core classes
- Associates degrees
- Certifications

○ Junior College

- Athletic teams
- Core Classes
- Associates degrees
- Certifications

○ Trade or Technical School

- Certifications
- Focused Curriculum
- Community/State School
- Proprietary School

4 Year School

- Private
- Public
 - In State
 - Out of State
- Freshman admission
- Transfer admission
- Bachelors degree and higher

College/University Information

Where do I want to go?

How do I get in?

How do I pay for college?

Where Do I Want To Go?

◉ Develop a wish list

- Reach
 - Colleges where your chances of gaining admission are less than 50/50.
- Target
 - Colleges where the likelihood of your admission is within range.
- Likely
 - Colleges where you are confident that you will be admitted.

Where Do I Want To Go?

○ Location

- Urban or Rural

○ Distance

- Transportation

○ Size

- Large, Medium, Small

○ Public vs Private

- Cost
- Religious Affiliation

○ Course of Study

- Areas of interest

○ Activities

- Intramural Sports
- Social Organizations
- Cultural Events

How Do I Get In?

- Types of Admissions
- Required Testing
- Application Procedures
- Financial Aid/Scholarships

Types of Admissions

○ Open Enrollment

- 2 Year Schools
- No entry test required
- High School Graduate

○ Automatic Admit

- Top 10% of
Graduating Class

○ Automatic Academic Admit

- Rank + Test Scores
(SAT/ACT)

○ Selective/Holistic

- No specific required test scores or rank
- What can you bring to the campus

○ Review

- Did not meet Academic Admit
- What can you bring to the campus
- Special Circumstances

Examples of College Choices

		Likely	Target	Reach
Student A	1100 Rdg/Math SAT; 2nd Quarter; 3.4 GPA; Some Activities	SHSU; SFA	Texas State; Univ. of North Texas	Texas A & M; Univ. of Texas
Student B	1400 Rdg/Math SAT; 1st Quarter; 3.8 GPA; Depth in Activities	Texas A & M; Texas Tech	Baylor; SMU	Vanderbilt; Rice



Sam Houston

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A Member of The Texas State University System

University Fast Links

- ACCEPTED STUDENTS
- CURRENT STUDENTS
- FACULTY & STAFF
- ALUMNI
- PARENTS
- VISITORS

Prospective Students

- Apply Now!
- VISIT
- REQUEST INFORMATION

Exchange Mail

Blackboard | SHSUOnline

SamWeb



- ### WELCOME TO SAM
- Apply Now!
 - Undergraduate Admissions**
 - New Student Orientation
 - Graduate Studies
 - Visitor Center
 - Residence Life

- ### UPDATE
- Homecoming Week: Oct 5th - 10th**
Bearkat Spirit Office Decoration - Sign up now.
 - Study Skills Program**
The SAM Center Fall workshop series.
 - Education Methods Registration**
Methods registration for academic studies and secondary education students open Oct 1 through Nov 1

We are always excited to have students interested in attending Sam Houston State University!

Sam Houston State has a lot of stimulating activities on campus with our student organizations plus more than 80 undergraduate degrees. We would love for you to come see for yourself what SHSU has to offer by attending a "SATURDAYS @ SAM!" Campus Preview Day or you may also visit our campus during the week to see what "Bearkat Country" is all about. If you are looking to visit us, please contact us for an appointment for a tour during the week.



Important Dates

- **Application Deadline**
For Spring 2010 is December 1, 2009
For Summer I 2009 is May 15, 2009
For Summer II 2009 is June 15, 2009
For Fall 2009 is August 1, 2009
- [Scholarship @ Sam](#)

Application for Admission

- [Apply Now!](#) 

Search

"Saturdays @ SAM!"
Saturdays @ Sam will take place on:
Fall Semester:
November 21, 2009
Spring Semester:
March 27, 2010

The Undergraduate Admissions Office

Physical Address:
1903 University Ave, Estill Bldg, Ste 112
Huntsville TX 77340

Mailing Address:

SHSU Resources

- [Online Catalog](#)
- [Online Brochure](#)
- [Class Schedule](#)
- [Certification](#)
- [Pay Fee](#)
- [Check Application Status](#)
- [What do I do once I'm accepted?](#)
- [Transfer Equivalency Guide](#)

SH Undergraduate Admissions

BEGINNING FRESHMAN STUDENTS

[Admissions Home](#)



A beginning freshman student must graduate from an accredited high school, take the ACT Composite or new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math), and effective with enrollment for the Fall Semester 2006, the following test scores for beginning freshmen will be required.

Note: The old SAT I test contains Verbal and Quantitative sections

- **Top 10%:**
no minimum score on ACT Composite or new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math)
- **Top 11% - 25%:**
a minimum score of 17 on ACT Composite or a minimum score of 850 on new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math)
- **Second Quartile:**
a minimum score of 19 on ACT Composite or a minimum score of 930 on new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math).
- **Third Quartile:**
a minimum score of 22 on ACT Composite or 1030 on new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math).
- **Fourth Quartile:**
a minimum score of 25 on ACT Composite or 1140 on new SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math).

Score does NOT include writing portion.

A beginning freshman student must submit the following documentation.

1. The [Apply Texas](#) application with non refundable application fee.
2. Official copy of ACT Composite or SAT I Total (Critical Reading + Math) score.
3. Official copy of high school transcript showing class rank. Upon graduation from high school, applicant must provide a final official high school transcript showing final class rank, date of graduation, and graduation plan .

A beginning freshman student who has attempted college/university course work while enrolled in

Testing

○ TAKS/STAAR

○ SAT

- Critical Reading
- Math
- Writing (optional)

○ ACT

- Critical Reading
- Math
- Science
- Writing (optional)

○ ASVAB

- Interests
- Areas of strength

○ TSI Compliance

- Before the 9th hour of classes
- TSI Exempt
 - TAKS Scores – 2200 + on Reading & Math, 3+ on essay
 - SAT or ACT Score
- Accuplacer (NEW TEST)

SAT & ACT

- Create an account
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.actstudent.org
- Register on-line
- Request a fee waiver
 - 2 fee waivers per test
- When registering send scores to the university for free
- Photo ID required

**TEST BY
NOVEMBER
TO MEET
APPLICATION
DEADLINES!!!**

Testing Tips

○ SAT

- +1 point for correct answers
- 0 points for blank or omitted answers
- -1/4 point for incorrect answers

○ ACT

- + 1 point for correct answers
- 0 points for wrong answers

- Take a calculator
- Pencils
- Photo ID
- Go to bed early the night before

The Application Process

- Determine which application
 - Apply Texas
 - Common Application
 - Institution's Application
- Complete application **by deadline**
- Submit payment or waiver
 - 4 waivers allowed

The Application Process

- Send test scores from testing agency
 - SAT and/or ACT
- Request transcript(s)
 - High school
 - TJC
- Contact all schools to make sure all documents have been received

Apply Texas

- Create an account
 - www.applytexas.org
- Select the college/university
- Complete required application
 - Essays
 - Complete optional sections if you are not an automatic admit
 - ALWAYS check for a scholarship application/link
- No recommendation letters required

Common Application

- ◉ National application
- ◉ Requirements
 - Transcript uploaded
 - Application
 - Application fee or waiver
 - Essays
 - Counselor recommendation letter
 - Teacher recommendation letters

Counselor Recommendations

- Complete the back of the yellow Senior Student Data Sheet
- Request a recommendation in writing
- Common App recommendation must be linked to me
- Other required forms
- Please give me 1 week notice for all letters and forms

Teacher Recommendations

- Ask your teacher
- Common App recommendation must be linked to the teacher
- Give them 2 weeks notice for all letters and forms

Financial Aid

○ Grants

- Free money
- Based on family income, size and number of student's in college

○ Scholarships

- Free money
- Based on academia, ability, student need and institutional need

○ Work Study

- Work on campus
- Money goes to tuition and fees first

○ Loans

- Must be repaid
- Subsidized
- Unsubsidized

Ways to get Financial Aid

- Complete FAFSA
- Apply for the college/university scholarships
- Apply for local, state and national scholarships
- **NEVER** pay a fee to receive help with financial aid applications!!!

FAFSA

- FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Request a PIN
- Apply starting January 1, 2014
 - Requires 2013 tax information
- Submit application to all schools
- Apply even if you think your parents make too much money

TASFA

- Texas Application for State Financial Aid
- House Bill 1403/Senate Bill 1528
 - Foreign-born and immigrant student
 - Resident tuition rate
 - Eligible for state funded financial aid

Scholarships

- One time award
 - Local
 - Usually \$5,000 and under
- Four year award
 - Divided equally per semester
- Four year award with stipulations
 - Divided equally per semester
 - Must meet an academic GPA
- Enroll in a scholarship search engine
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - PSAT My College Quickstart
- Apply for college and university scholarships
 - Ask financial aid office for applications and procedures

Scholarships

○ Student driven

- Involvement in extra-curricular and community activities
- Academic
- Athletic
- Fine Arts

○ Parent/Relative driven

- Organizations and experiences
- Employer

○ First Generation student

○ Hardship

What's Next

- Contact the college financial aid and admissions office to make sure your information has been received
- Compare acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers
- Choose an accepting college
- Apply for housing

What's Next

- Notify school of decision by mailing commitment & deposit check
- Contact waiting list colleges of decision
- Have school send a final transcript to college of choice
- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshman

Helpful Information

- Texas Common Course Numbering System
 - Compare courses at 2 schools
 - www.tccns.org/matrix.aspx
 - Does not take the place of meeting with an advisor

COMMON COURSE MATRIX

The Texas Common Course Numbering System provides its users three different ways of traversing through the common course matrix. Searching by institution allows users to view a single institution's compatible courses. Comparing institutions allows users to select two institutions at a time to check against the common course matrix. Course statistics breaks down course offerings by institution type.

Note: Archived versions of the common course matrix are currently available from 1997 to 2006.

SELECT OPTION:

- Search by Institution
 Compare Institutions
 Search by Prefix
 View Archive

SELECT INSTITUTIONS:

Tyler Junior College
 University of North Texas

Common Course System			Tyler Junior College			University of North Texas		
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title
ACCT	2301	Principles of Accounting I-Financial				ACCT	2010	Accounting Principles I (Financial Accounting)
ACCT	2302	Principles of Accounting II-Managerial				ACCT	2020	Accounting Principles II (Managerial Accounting)
ACCT	2401	Principles of Accounting I-Financial	ACCT	2401	Principles of Accounting I-Financial			
ACCT	2402	Principles of Accounting II-Managerial	ACCT	2402	Principles of Accounting II-Managerial			
AGRI	1121	Livestock Judging (1 semester course)						
AGRI	1131	The Agricultural Industry	AGRI	1131	The Agriculture Industry			
AGRI	1231	The Agricultural Industry						
AGRI	1307	Agronomy						
AGRI	1309	Computers in Agriculture	AGRI	1309	Computers In Agriculture			
AGRI	1311	Dairy Science						
AGRI	1315	Horticulture						
AGRI	1319	Introductory Animal Science						

Helpful Information

- Keep all websites, log-ins and passwords in a safe place
- Keep all documents
- Keep all social media and electronic communication clean and professional
- Think about your future!