

Sam Houston State University

Information for Exchange Students

2021/22

General Information		
University Website	www.shsu.edu	
Website for Incoming Exchange Students	http://www.shsu.edu/dept/international-programs/study-abroad/incoming-exchange-students.html	
Postal Address	Office of International Programs Sam Houston State University SHSU Box 2150 Huntsville, TX 77341 USA	
Contact Information		
Study Abroad Coordinator	All countries	Ms. Malin Hilmersson malin@shsu.edu Tel. +1 936 294 3276
Director International Programs	Mr. Justin Ball jball@shsu.edu Tel. +1 936 294 4607	
Application Procedure		
Application	1) Have your home university submit the exchange student nomination form to the Study Abroad Coordinator. 2) Apply to SHSU through www.applytexas.com . Be sure to choose "Non degree-seeking" and either "International Freshman" or "International Graduate" depending on your student status. DO NOT PAY THE APPLICATION FEE! 3) Submit Proof of English Proficiency TOEFL (550 paper-based or 79 IBT) or IELTS (6.5), Transcripts from your Home University, Proof of Financial Support, and Color Copy of your Passport.	
Deadlines	May 1 for fall semester November 1 for spring semester	
Academic Calendar 2021/22		
Fall Semester 2021	Classes: August 16, 2021 – December 1, 2021 Exams: December 3-8, 2021	
Spring Semester 2022	Classes: January 12, 2022 – May 4, 2022 Exams: May 6-11, 2022	
Orientation	New International Student Orientation is mandatory for all incoming exchange students and takes place before classes start. Students will be informed about the date once accepted.	

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Academic Information		
Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College of Business Administration, http://www.shsu.edu/~coba/College of Criminal Justice, http://www.shsu.edu/academics/criminal-justice/College of Education, http://www.shsu.edu/academics/education/index.htmlCollege of Arts & Media, https://www.shsu.edu/academics/arts-and-media/College of Health Sciences, http://www.shsu.edu/academics/fine-arts-and-mass-communication/College of Humanities and Social Sciences, http://www.shsu.edu/academics/humanities-and-social-sciences/College of Science & Engineering Technology, http://www.shsu.edu/academics/science-and-engineering-technology/	
Schedule of Classes	https://ssb.shsu.edu/BANPROD8/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched	
Course Catalogue	Undergraduate: http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/ Graduate: http://catalog.shsu.edu/graduate/	
Language of Instruction	All courses are taught in English, with the exception of language courses.	
Language Courses	Language courses are available in Arabic, French, German, and Spanish.	
Credits	Typically, a 3 semester credit hour course meets for 3 contact hours per week for the 15 weeks of a semester. In total, the 3 semester credit hour course meets for 45 contact hours. A student must take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to be considered a full-time student.	
Grading System	Letter Grade A B C D F	Definition Excellent Above average Average Passing Failure
Accommodation		
On-campus Housing	On campus housing is extremely limited and not guaranteed. There is currently a housing shortage for all SHSU students. It is important to apply for housing as soon as you are academically accepted. Apply for on-campus housing at http://www.shsu.edu/dept/residence-life/gettingstarted/applications.html . If you choose to live on campus, a meal plan must also be purchased. Cost information can be found at http://www.shsu.edu/dept/residence-life/gettingstarted/rates.html .	
Off-campus Housing	There are several apartment complexes within walking distance of SHSU, or which have a shuttle service to the campus, that offer short-term leases, furnished apartments, and roommate matching services. A list is available at https://www.shsu.edu/dept/residence-life/documents/Huntsville+Off+Campus+Housing+Listing.pdf?language_id=1	
Finances		
Cost of Living	Students must allow for a minimum of \$800 per month to cover living expenses.	
Work	Though your main purpose is to study at SHSU, if you are looking for a part-time job, exchange students can work on campus up to 20 hours per week.	

Visa Requirements	
All Countries	A student visa is required for all nationalities. Information on visa requirements is available at https://j1visa.state.gov/ . The visa process takes at least 8 weeks and requires a visit to an American Embassy or Consulate. A tourist visa does not authorize studying in the USA. The Office of International Program will provide you with more information once you have applied to the University.
Health Insurance	
Health Insurance	<p>All exchange students must get the SHSU International Student Health Insurance. 2020/21 rates (2021/22 TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,808 for students staying a year. • \$689 for students staying for the fall semester. • \$1,119 for students staying for the spring semester (covers spring & summer). <p><i>*Prices are subjected to change</i></p>
Student Life	
International Student Organization	The International Student Organization is a student group that represents approximately 450 international students from over 73 countries in SHSU. ISO is open to all students who are interested in sharing and learning different cultures, and promoting diversity.
Lowman Student Center	The Lowman Student Center (LSC) is home to University Bookstore, Information Center, Student Art Gallery, Kat Klub Entertainment Center and Ballroom. http://www.shsu.edu/dept/lowman-student-center/index.html
Recreational Sports	The Department of Recreational Sports and Activities offers a wide variety of recreational programming and provides facilities for students, faculty and staff. The activities offered include intramural sports, informal recreation, club sports, wellness, special events, outdoor recreation, and aquatics. http://www.shsu.edu/dept/recreational-sports/
Students Clubs and Associations	OrgLINK is a directory of all student organizations that currently are registered at SHSU. OrgLINK allows students to search through different categories of organizations that might be of interest to them. If you are interested in a specific student organization, visit their page and listed will be a primary contact which you can email to inquire about more information regarding that student organization. https://shsu.campuslabs.com/engage/
Tourist Information	https://www.visithoustontexas.com/ , http://www.huntsvilletexas.com/ , http://www.houstontx.gov
Arrival	
Airports	The main airport in the Houston area is George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). If the student arrives to this airport, the university will provide an airport pick up on designated dates. William P. Hobby Airport is an international airport in Houston, Texas, 7 miles from downtown Houston. The university does not provide airport pickups for this airport.