

GRADUATE CATALOG

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About the Catalog

Purpose

The purpose of the catalog is to provide general information about the academic programs of Sam Houston State University to prospective students, current students, faculty, and staff of the University. Included is information concerning the academic calendar, admission and registration procedures, tuition and fees, degree requirements, services available to students, and the faculty and administrative officers of the University.

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Contacting the University

If you have a question but do not know to whom an inquiry should be directed, you may call the University Information number, and the inquiry will be routed to the appropriate person or department.

University Information: (936) 294-1111

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Useful Tools

Course Prefixes and Abbreviations (catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2016-2017/graduate/course-descriptions)

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About the Office of Graduate Studies

Vision Statement

The Office of Graduate Studies will promote and grow a culture of excellence and learning in graduate education that results in scholars, researchers, and practitioners committed to and capable of broadening the scope of academic discourse, discovery, leadership, and innovation.

Mission Statement

The Office of Graduate Studies at Sam Houston State University is an academic support unit that promotes quality graduate education and provides resources to maximize graduate student success. Graduate Studies provides leadership and services to create high-quality learning environments for graduate students by:

- Facilitating the development of new programs and strengthening existing programs;
- Retaining and graduating high-quality students, especially those in underserved populations;
- Providing resources to retain a high-quality, diverse graduate faculty;
- Fostering campus-wide collaboration and strengthening the role of graduate education at SHSU;
- Supporting graduate program quality by assisting graduate programs with accreditation, external review, and other quality enhancement practices;
- Encouraging and supporting scholarship and intellectual creativity among graduate faculty and students;
- Implementing efficient and effective best practices;

- Highlighting and promoting graduate student research and success; and
- Establishing and implementing effective academic policy.

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