TRANSFER ARTICULATION: EDUCATION

Admission Requirements:

Prior to beginning education course work you must meet all the following requirements:

1) Have a 2.75 overall GPA and 2.75 GPA in your major. This includes all transfer and SHSU courses.

2) Have a grade of "C" or better in all coursework.

For additional and the most up-to-date information on certification, please, visit the College of Education (https://www.shsu.edu/academics/education/). To comply with state mandated certification requirements in minimum time at minimum cost, there are "no elective courses" in the curriculum. These changes serve to expand core courses in science that will transfer from community colleges.

To minimize cost and time while meeting certification requirements consider transferring a maximum of 48 hours. The proper goal for most transfer students should be to maximize transfer courses in the major rather than seeking to be core complete at the college or university. Students not completing the associate degree are encouraged to seek the associate degree as part of the bachelor degree utilizing SHSU’s reverse transfer program with Texas colleges.

Degree plan check sheets for each of the programs are shown below for planning purposes. Each one reflects Texas Common Course numbers for the core courses. Transfer students should begin working with a SHSU advisor (https://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/) early in their community college studies to discuss joint admission and transfer plans.

There are three elementary certification programs offered at SHSU:

- EC-6 Generalist;
- EC-6 Generalist with EC-12 Special Education
- EC-6 Bilingual Generalist (Spanish).

In addition, three middle-level programs are offered at SHSU

- 4-8 Mathematics;
- 4-8 Mathematics and Science Composite;
- 4-8 English Language Arts and Reading and Social Studies Composite.

For students not seeking Texas Teacher Certification, who are preparing to work in child care, Head Start, or social service agencies, the Early Childhood Education – Non Certification program is offered at SHSU.

Candidates who wish to teach in high school settings will major in the teaching field and minor in Secondary Education. A variety of teaching field majors are offered by the College of Sciences, the College of Arts and Media, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Please refer to the undergraduate catalog (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/) in the appropriate department for information about secondary teaching.

Candidates for teaching, at any level, are required to meet state mandated entry criteria to be accepted in a SHSU Educator Preparation Program. Further information about those requirements are detailed at SHSU Educator Preparation Services (https://www.shsu.edu/academics/education/educator-preparation-services/program-admission.html).

TCCN Tables inserted here.

**Note:** SHSU catalogue courses with 3000 and 4000 level numbers are considered as upper division and must be completed at SHSU. Credit may not be transferred from a community college for upper division courses.

**Disclaimer:** All education programs are subject to change by the legislature (i.e. The State Board of Educator Certification and The Higher Education Coordinating Board). All schools must adopt these standards at the time they are published.

Applications for admission to SHSU may be obtained online at Apply Texas (https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX? s_logon_msg=Y/) or by calling Undergraduate Admissions at (936) 294-1828. Extensive information is also available at Sam Houston State University.

**Texas Grant**

Texas residents who have graduated from high school within the past 16 months with the Recommended or Distinguished curriculum or received your first Associate’s Degree within the past 12 months may qualify for the Towards Excellence & Success (TEXAS) Grant, a state financial aid program. Please, review the basic qualifications. (https://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/fa_intro/grants.html#Texas) If you believe you qualify, contact your respective community college or university financial aid office. For financial aid information, please, visit SHSU Office of Financial Aid (https://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/) or contact by phone at (936) 294-1724. For additional grant information visit College For Texas. (http://www.collegefortexans.com/.)
Sam Houston State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) at Sam Houston State University (to be used by all incoming students as of fall 2014) contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a selection of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) details Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents for college transfer students which comprise SHSU's core curriculum.

Many SHSU disciplines including the sciences, business, and education require specific courses from the SHSU core as degree specific graduation requirements. To minimize cost and time to complete degree requirements always select SHSU/transfer core courses specified as degree requirements in your intended major. If you have not decided on a major, select core courses supporting your intended area of academic concentration.

Prior to enrolling in core classes, students are encouraged to review specific degree requirements for their major. Selection of major-specified core courses reduces the total number of hours required for graduation.

If you do not see a Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) mapping a specific core course to your transfer institution, please go to Transfer Course Equivalency Guide (https://ww2.shsu.edu/regr27wp/) and select your institution from the drop-down menu. The result will list all currently mapped transfer courses from your institution to SHSU courses.