



ADMISSION TYPES

A student applying for admission for graduate studies at SHSU may be considered for six types of admission. Details of the possible admission types follow. **The final admission decision rests with the respective academic dean.**

REGULAR ADMISSION

Regular Admission may be granted to a degree-seeking student who meets all of the University and program specific admission requirements. The minimum University requirements to be considered for regular admission follow.

Meeting stated minimum admission requirements does not constitute automatic admission to a graduate program at Sam Houston State University. Any inquiries regarding program specific admission requirements should be directed to the graduate advisor (access advisors at <http://www.shsu.edu/graduate/programs>) or the dean of the appropriate college in which the department is housed.

- A minimum undergraduate GPA from the baccalaureate granting institution of 2.5 (on a 4 point scale) or an advanced hours GPA of at least 2.8 from courses taken at the baccalaureate degree granting institution. The minimum GPA may be waived for programs utilizing a sliding scale for admission consideration incorporating both the graduating undergraduate GPA and the admission test score.
- Submission of the appropriate admission test required for the graduate program.
- Fulfillment of program specific admission requirements as indicated by the department or college for the pursuit of graduate study.
- International students must submit an official TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer-based exam or at least 550 on the paper-based exam.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

Conditional Admission may be granted to a degree-seeking student who has not yet submitted ALL of the required admission materials to allow an admission decision to be made but is being allowed to enroll in classes pending receipt of the missing material(s). Conditional Admission is valid for **ONLY ONE SEMESTER**. A subsequent admission decision will be made upon receipt of the missing admission material. **Conditional Admission does NOT guarantee regular admission upon receipt of the missing material**, regardless of the student's performance in classes taken during the one semester of Conditional Admission. Some programs do not grant Conditional Admission. International students are not eligible for Conditional Admission. At the discretion of the appropriate academic dean, a conditionally admitted student may be limited to fewer than the normal maximum semester load of 12 graduate credit hours.

PROBATIONARY ADMISSION

Probationary Admission may be granted to a degree-seeking student who has submitted all of the required admission materials to allow an admission decision to be made BUT does not qualify for regular admission. Probationary Admission allows a student to enroll in courses to demonstrate his/her ability to do graduate work. A student may complete a maximum of 12 graduate semester credit hours with Probationary Admission. At the discretion of the appropriate academic dean, a probationary admitted student may be limited to fewer than 12 graduate credit hours. To petition for Regular Admission a student must earn a grade of "B" or better in each course completed under probationary admission type. A program may set a higher standard. The final decision rests with the appropriate academic dean. A maximum of 12 credit hours completed in probationary status may be applied to a graduate program, but the department concerned may choose not to accept some credit hours taken prior to Regular Admission. International students are not eligible for Probationary Admission. **Probationary admission does NOT guarantee regular admission upon completion of the requisite coursework.**

PREPARATORY ADMISSION

Preparatory Admission may be granted to a degree-seeking student who has NOT qualified for Regular Admission AND needs to complete one or more prerequisite (stem) courses. The student is being allowed to enroll in prerequisite (stem) courses. At the discretion of the appropriate academic dean, a Preparatory admitted student may be limited to a specified number of credit hours earned and to remain in good standing be subject to a minimum GPA requirement in the prerequisite (stem) courses.

Preparatory Admission does NOT guarantee regular admission upon completion of the stem courses, regardless of the student's performance in the preparatory (stem) courses taken. International students are not eligible for Preparatory Admission.

NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

Non-degree Admission may be granted to a student who does not intend to pursue a graduate degree from SHSU but who wishes to take courses for professional advancement, licensure, certification, or self-education purposes, and who holds a baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. An applicant for Non-degree Admission must submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Studies: the general application for admission, an application-processing fee, and an official copy of the transcript from the school which awarded the highest degree. A non-degree student who later applies for Regular Admission to seek a graduate degree may apply a maximum of 12 credit hours of course work taken in Non-degree status toward a graduate program at the discretion of the appropriate academic dean. International students are not eligible for Non-degree Admission.

GRADUATE TRANSIENT ADMISSION

Transient Admission may be granted to a student who is accepted in good standing at a regionally accredited graduate school and who wishes to enroll for one semester at Sam Houston State University. An applicant requesting this status must submit the following to the Office of Graduate Studies: the general application for admission, an application-processing fee, and certification of graduate standing in a regionally accredited institution. Some departments may require additional information for Transient Admission; therefore, applicants should contact the

appropriate academic department. A student admitted in this category who later wishes to enroll as a prospective candidate for a degree at Sam Houston State University must submit a formal application for Regular Admission. A maximum of 12 credit hours taken as a Graduate Transient may be applied to a graduate degree program at the discretion of the department concerned.

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