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Homeland Security – AA to BS - SHSU

Lower Division Requirements at South Plains College for an AA degree

The courses in this section meet the requirements for an Associate of Arts degree. Please reference the General Degree Requirements section in the catalog for additional information.

First Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
ENGL1301 – Composition I (<i>Communication Core – 010</i>)		3	
CRIJ1301 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (<i>CRIJ2361</i>)		3	
HIST1301 – United States History I (<i>American History Core – 060</i>)		3	
SOCI1301 – Introduction to Sociology or PSYC2301 – Introduction to Psychology (<i>Social & Behavioral Sciences Core – 080</i>)		3	
BCIS1305 – Business Computer Applications (<i>Institutional Option Core – 090</i>)		3	
KINE Activity Course – 1 hour class (<i>SPC AA degree requirement</i>)		1	
Total Semester Hours		16	

Second Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
ENGL1302 – Composition II (<i>SPC Communication Core – 010</i>) <i>Pre-requisite: ENGL1301 with a 'C' or better or English Chairperson Approval</i>		3	
MATH – (<i>Math Core – 020</i>) <i>Select a course from the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 1332 – College Mathematics • Math1342 – Elementary Statistics 		3	
CRIJ2313 – Correctional Systems and Practices (<i>CRIJ2365</i>)		3	
HIST1302 – United States History II (<i>American History Core – 060</i>)		3	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (<i>Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core – 040</i>)		3	
KINE Activity Course – 1 hour class (<i>SPC AA degree requirement</i>)		1	
Total Semester Hours		16	

Third Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
Life and Physical Science (<i>Life & Physical Sciences Core – 030</i>)		4	
GOVT2305 – Federal Government (<i>Government Core – 070</i>)		3	
CRIJ1310 – Fundamentals of Criminal Law (<i>CRIJ2364</i>)		3	
Creative Arts (<i>Creative Arts Core - 050</i>)		3	
CRIJ2328 – Police Systems and Practices (<i>CRIJ2367</i>)		3	
Total Semester Hours		16	

Fourth Semester

Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
GOVT2306 – Texas Government (<i>Government Core – 070</i>)		3	
Speech Communication – <i>Select one of the following: SPCH 1311, SPCH1315, or SPCH1321 (SPC Component Area Option Core – 090)</i>		3	
Life and Physical Science (<i>Life & Physical Sciences Core – 030</i>)		4	

CRIJ1306 – Court Systems and Practices (SHSU General Elective)		3	
Criminal Justice Elective		1-3	
Total Semester Hours		14-16	
Total Hours		60	
Additional Courses (see advisor about the courses listed below)			
Course Name	Term Taken	Credit Hours	Grade
ECON2301 – Principles of Macroeconomics or ECON2302 – Principles of Microeconomics or ECON1303 – Survey of Economics (ECON1301)		3	

SPC American History Core Component – 060 Options

Additional options are available to complete the American History Core. *Instead of HIST1301, students can take HST2327 – Mexican American History I, HIST2381 – African American History I, or *HIST2301 – Texas History. For HIST1302, students can take HIST2328 – Mexican American History II, HIST2382 – African American History II, or *HIST2301 – Texas History.* Texas History can be used one time to fulfill three of the six hours required.

TSI-Compliance

Students who are not TSI-compliant in reading or English are advised to take the INRW0300/ENGL1301 corequisite. Successful completion will grant TSI-compliance in these areas and college-credit for ENGL1301. ENGL1302 requires a 'C' or better in the corequisite or approval by the English Chairperson.

Students who are not TSI-compliant in math are advised to take the MATH0332/MATH1332 corequisite. Successful completion will grant TSI-compliance in math and college-credit for MATH1332.

SHSU Steps to Apply for Admission

Step 1: Complete the Online Application for SHSU

Complete an [online application](#) and pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee. Alternatively, you may pay later by mailing a check (address below) or pay through the [SHSU Self Service Center](#). Qualifying students may submit an application fee waiver request to SHSU Office of Admissions via email at admissions@shsu.edu. Applicants must include the required supporting documents to request a fee waiver:

- a copy of the first page of your Student Aid Report (FAFSA).

Step 2: Submit Your Transcripts

SHSU requires transcripts from all institutions where you have enrolled in a course or courses, even if you did not attend or the course was not completed. Contact the school(s) to send official transcript(s) to SHSU.*

- Mail an official transcript to:
Sam Houston State University
Undergraduate Admissions Office
Box 2418
Huntsville TX 77341-2418
- Or ask your school to send an electronic official transcript to Sam Houston State University (code: 003606).
- If transcripts are from a school outside of the U.S., the document must be translated and evaluated by a [NACES](#) accredited service or [SDR Educational Consultants](#). International college transcript evaluations must include a course by course evaluation.
- Please note that SHSU does not accept fax or emailed transcripts.

*Transcripts and other supporting documents will be retained by the university for 6 months.

Applicable Transfer Credit Hours

All courses and grades transferred from other institutions accredited by an agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are recorded as received on the student's academic record at SHSU; however, not all transfer course work will satisfy degree requirements. Evaluation of course credit earned at other institutions by SHSU's Admission's Office does not decree approval of the credit for use towards degree requirements. Only the academic department chair offering the program in which a student is enrolled has authority for determining which

courses will be applied toward any specific program. Applicants must submit official records from all accredited institutions attended. Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. While all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record, Sam Houston State University accepts a **maximum of 66 semester credit hours plus 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) for a total of 70 semester credit hours from the accredited community colleges attended.**

Admission to SHSU as a Transfer Student

A transfer student is defined as an undergraduate student who has completed a minimum of 12 hours of transferable academic coursework from a college and/or university accredited by an agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board after high school graduation. Transferable academic coursework is defined as those attempted hours of coursework which are applicable to a baccalaureate degree program.

Additional SHSU Advising Notes

- Make an appointment with an academic advisor of the major, once accepted to SHSU, in order to clarify department, university policies and procedures, to review course sequencing, and to help with identifying resources for academic success. This link provides instructions on how to schedule an appointment: <https://www.shsu.edu/centers/sam-center/schedule-appointment>.
- Refer to the official source of information on specific courses within the SHSU requirements of this degree plan from the SHSU Undergraduate Catalog or visit the web site at <https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/>

Using this Transfer Advising Guide with SHSU

This Transfer Advising Guide represents SHSU's degree plan and is subject to change at the university's discretion. It is intended for advising purposes only so students know exactly which courses they can take at South Plains College and have the courses count towards degree requirements when they transfer to SHSU. It is highly recommended that students meet with their assigned academic advisor to review all graduation and transfer requirements listed in the Transfer Advising Guide.

The ultimate goal is to provide students with accurate information for transfer pathways while minimizing loss of credits in transfer. Students are encouraged to review SHSU requirements frequently.

The Transfer Advising Guide is based upon [Sam Houston State University Catalog](#) and is subject to change.

Scholarships for Transfer Students

The following scholarships are awarded once you have: 1) been accepted for admission, 2) met the necessary criteria for the scholarship with official documentation and applied for financial aid through submission of the FAFSA. You will receive the largest scholarship for which you are qualified.

Bearkat Transfer Scholarship - \$2,000/yr up to 1 year (will no longer be offered after Spring 2025)

- First-time SHSU student, enrolling full-time at SHSU (must not have previously enrolled at SHSU)
- Transfer from an accredited community college or university
- Be an undergraduate student, seeking their first bachelor's degree
- Have a minimum of 30 transferable academic credit hours
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- The Bearkat Transfer scholarship is now a single year award without eligibility for renewal beginning Fall 2024

Additional scholarships? You are encouraged to [apply directly on Scholarship4Kats](#) for additional SHSU scholarships. These additional awards are not automatic and require an application before the listed deadline. For additional information on scholarships and financial aid, please connect with the [Financial Aid Office](#).