

# Undergraduate Catalog 2018-2019

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## Glossary

**Academic Advisor**

A professional who helps students with academic and career planning.

**Academic Calendar**

A calendar indicating key dates and deadlines for important academic requirements and/or activities including, but not limited to, the start and end dates of classes, holidays, exam days, and registration dates.

**Academic Year**

The time frame from the start of a fall semester until the start of the subsequent fall semester. It typically is divided into the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

**Accreditation**

An endorsement from an oversight organization indicating that the educational institution and/or academic degree program meets or exceeds specific measures of quality.

**Advanced Courses**

Courses with content designed to be taken during the junior or senior year. At SHSU, these courses are numbered in the 300s or 400s.

**Advanced Credit**

Credit earned for advanced courses at universities. Courses transferred from a community college do not earn advanced credit.

**Audit, Course**

Enrollment in a course as a non-credit seeking student, with no record on the transcript.

**Bachelor's Degree**

An academic credential from a university earned after completing a specific program of study. Typically, the program of study will include a general education component, a major, degree related requirements, and electives and/or a minor. The minimum number of credits is 120 hours.

### **Core Curriculum**

The curriculum in liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduate students of an institution of higher education are required to complete as part of an undergraduate academic degree program. Also referred to as the general education component.

**Major**

A student's concentrated area of study. Most majors consist of a minimum of 30 credit hours within a specific area of study.

**Master's Degree**

A graduate degree that usually requires two or more years of study beyond the bachelor's degree.

**Minor**

A student's secondary area of study. Most minors consist of a minimum of 18 credit hours within a specific area of study.