



Sam Houston State University **Criminal Justice & Criminology**

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology (2 positions)

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University invites applications for up to two (2) tenure-track Assistant Professor positions beginning Fall 2027. Candidates must have a PhD in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or a closely related academic field. Areas of specialization are open, but preference will be given to candidates with research expertise in policing or juvenile justice and delinquency.

Successful applicants are expected to 1) have an active research agenda that includes a strong publication record; 2) demonstrate the potential to secure external research funding; 3) teach core courses in the Department's academic degree programs; and 4) show a commitment to mentoring students. The positions will be on-site with in-person teaching expectations and research expectations that are consistent with a high-ranking doctoral degree granting department within an R2 university.

The College of Criminal Justice enjoys a long-standing national reputation for excellence in research, criminal justice education, and professional partnerships. Faculty members benefit from exceptional opportunities for research, grant development, data access, and applied scholarship through the College's nationally recognized research centers and advanced training institutes, as well as resources that support professional growth and career development. The Department offers B.A. and B.S. degrees in Criminal Justice, an M.A. in Criminal Justice and Criminology, an M.S. in Criminal Justice and in CJ Leadership and Management, and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, creating opportunities to teach and mentor students at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels.

Sam Houston State University is classified as a High Research Activity (R2) University, a Carnegie Community Engaged institution, and both a military friendly and Hispanic Serving Institution. These distinctions further reflect SHSU's commitment to impactful research, community partnerships, student success, and public service. The campus is centrally located within Texas on the edge of the Sam Houston National Forest, providing convenient access to Conroe/The Woodlands areas, as well as both the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan areas.

To ensure full consideration, applications should include a letter of interest, a current vita, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research & goals, and the names and contact information for three references. Applications must be submitted online at <https://shsu.peopleadmin.com/postings/48267>. For additional information contact: Dr. Andia Azimi (axa205@shsu.edu), Chair Search Committee.

Review of materials will begin September 16, 2026, and will continue until the search is completed.

Sam Houston State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and Smoke/Drug-Free Workplace. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or protected veteran status. The University takes seriously the initiative to ensure equal opportunity in the workforce and to comply with Title VII as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Sam Houston State University is an "at will" employer. Employees with a contract will have additional terms and conditions. Security-sensitive positions at SHSU require background checks in accordance with Education Code §51.215.