

Requirements for Declaring or Changing a Major

To declare a major or change from one major at the university into another you must meet certain criteria. Majors at Shippensburg are classified as either “high-demand” or “non-high-demand.” Students wanting to declare or change to a “non-high-demand” major may submit a request form at any time during the semester. The change is subject to the approval of the department chair of the new or intended major following a review of your academic record. See the chart below for specific GPA and/or course criteria.

Major programs in bold type are classified as “high-demand” and have limited enrollment. Your first step is to complete and submit the change of major request within the **first three weeks of the semester**. By the **fourth week of the semester**, the major department will contact you regarding any additional information required for admission such as an interview, written essay or attendance at an information session. The major department will notify you by the **fifth week of the semester** as to the status of your request. Upon approval, the Registrar’s Office will be notified of the major change. A new academic advisor will be assigned by the department. Acceptance into any major program at Shippensburg University is based upon space availability and specified GPA requirements and/or course criteria.

MAJOR	GPA	ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS/COMMENTS
Art B.A.	2.0	
Art B.A. Education (K-12)	3.0	
Biology B.S.	2.0	Students must have earned at least 15 credits and have grades of C or better in BIO 161 Principles of Biology: Cell Structure and Function or BIO 162 Principles of Biology: Organismal Diversity AND one of the following: CHEM 121 Chemical Bonding, MATH 140 College Algebra (or higher level trig/calculus)
Biotechnology/Pre-Forensic Science Concentration B.S.	2.5	
Health Professions Concentration B.S.	2.8	
Biology Secondary Education Certification B.S.	3.0	See above course pre-requisite requirements.
Biology Clinical Sciences Concentration B.S.	2.5	See above course pre-requisite requirements. Due to residency degree requirements for SU and articulation agreements with our partner clinical institutions, applicants will be evaluated on an individual basis for admissions purposes.
Business - all BSBA degrees	2.0	A grade of C or better in College Algebra is recommended. A grade of C or better in College Writing/English Composition (equivalent to ENG 114) is required. In addition, students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA in all 100/200 level business core courses they have completed.

Chemistry B.S.	2.0	
Biochemistry Concentration B.S.	2.0	
Forensics B.S.	2.0	
Medical Sciences B.S.	3.2	
Pre-Pharmacy B.S.	2.8	
Secondary Education Certification B.S.	3.0	
Civil Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Communication, Journalism, & Media B.S. (All concentrations)	2.3	
Communication Studies B.A.	2.0	
Computer Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Computer Science B.S. (All concentrations)	2.0	Applicants must have completed the equivalent CMSC 110 Computer Science I with a C or better and be at a minimum of Math level 4 placement
Criminal Justice B.S.	2.3	
Early Childhood Education PreK-4 B.S.Ed. or PreK-4/PreK-8 Special Education Dual Certification B.S.Ed.	3.0	
Economics B.S.(All concentrations)	2.0	
Electrical Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Elementary/Middle Level (4-8th Grade) All options B.S.E.d.	3.0	
English B.A. (All Concentrations)	2.0	

English B.A. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	
Exercise Science B.S Allied Health Pre-Professional Concentration	2.5	Completion of EXER 150 and one of the following equivalent courses with a C or higher: BIOL 237 (Recommended), BIOL 150, BIOL 161, or BIOL 162. Meeting with Department Chair.
Exercise Science B.S.-Human Performance and Fitness Concentration	2.0	Completion of EXER 150 and one of the following equivalent courses with a C or higher: BIOL 237 (Recommended), BIOL 150, BIOL 161, or BIOL 162. Meeting with Department Chair.
Exercise Science B.S.-Pre Athletic Training Concentration	2.5	Completion of EXER 150 and one of the following equivalent courses with a C or higher: BIOL 237 (Recommended), BIOL 150, BIOL 161, or BIOL 162. Meeting with Department Chair..
French B.A.	2.0	
French B.A. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	
Geoenvironmental Studies B.S.	2.0	
Geography, GIS Concentration B.S.	2.0	
Health Sciences	2.0	A grade of C grade or higher required in Applied Statistics or College Algebra in addition to a C or higher in college level Biology (Anatomy & Physiology or Principles of Biology I preferred).
History B.A. (American, European, Middle East/Asian History, or Public History	2.0	
History - Secondary Education Certification B.S.Ed. Social Studies	3.0.	
Interdisciplinary Arts B.A.	2.0	
International Studies B.A.	2.0	
Mathematics B.S	2.0	
Mathematics B.S. with Secondary Certification	3.0	
Mechanical Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Middle Level Education B.S.Ed.	3.0	

Physics B.S. (All Concentrations)	2.0	
Physics B.S.Ed. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	
Political Science B.A. (All Concentrations)	2.0	
Prek-4 Education or Prek-4/Prek-8 Special Education Dual Certification	3.0	
Professional Studies, Technical Leadership and Administration Concentration B.S.	2.0	Online degree completion program, requires at least 45 transferable credits. Personal statement and professional resumé required for application.
Psychology	2.0	
Public Services B.S.	2.0	
Social Work B.S.W.	2.0	
Sociology B.A.	2.0	
Software Engineering	2.0	Math level 4 placement
Spanish B.A.	2.0	
Spanish & Spanish Secondary Education Certification B.A.	3.0	
Sustainability B.S.	2.0	
Exploratory Studies	2.0	Applicants cannot have more than 30 transferable credits