

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 “impacted” and “non-impacted.” Students wanting to declare or change to a “non-impacted” major may submit a request form at any time during the semester. The change is subject to the approval of the dean of the college in which the new or intended major is located following a review of your academic record prior to the request. See the chart below for specific GPA and/or course criteria.

Major programs in bold type are classified as “impacted” and have limited enrollment. Your first step is to obtain, complete, and submit a change of major from your major department 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 that may be 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. The major department will also notify the Registrar’s Office of the major change and assign you a new academic advisor prior to registration. Acceptance into any major program at Shippensburg University is based upon space availability and specified GPA requirements.

Applied Physics (Pre-Engineering) (BS)	2.5 GPA (3+2 with Penn State University or University of Maryland)
Art (BA) Computer Graphics (BA)	2.0 GPA
Art Education (BA)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Biology (BS) Medical Technology (BS) Ecology and Environmental (BS) Biotechnology (BS)	2.5 GPA w/ a minimum of 15 credits; “C” in Principles of Biology I and Chemical Bonding Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Biology/Secondary Education	3.0 GPA for teaching certification in addition to the general admissions criteria for Biology. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Biology/Health Professions (BS)	2.8 GPA w/ a minimum of 15 credits; “C” in Principles of Biology I or II and/or Chemical Bonding Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Business (BSBA) All majors except Information Technology (see below)	2.0 GPA w/ “C” or better in Finite Math or higher math; minimum 2.0 in 100/200 level business core classes.
Information Technology for Business Education (BSBA)	2.0 GPA w/ “C” or better in Finite Math or higher math and College Writing; minimum 2.0 in 100/200 level business core classes. 3.0 for teaching certification.
Chemistry (BS) Biochemistry (BS)	2.0 GPA
Chemistry/Health Professions (BS)	2.8 GPA
Chemistry/Medical Technology (BS)	2.5 GPA
Chemistry/Secondary Education (BS)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Communication Journalism (BA) All concentrations	2.3 GPA; “B” or higher in College Writing; completion of an objective- and essay-based writing exam. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.

Computer Science (BS) All concentrations	2.0 GPA w/ a “C” or better in CSC253 Computer Science I; strong math skills
Criminal Justice (BS)	2.5 GPA. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Earth Science/Secondary Ed. (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Economics (BA)	2.0 GPA w/ “C” or better in Finite Math or higher math; minimum 2.0 in 100/200 level business core classes.
Economics/Citizenship (BSEd)	3.0 GPA w/ “C” or better in Finite Math or higher math; minimum 2.0 in 100/200 level business core classes.
Elementary Education (BSEd)	3.0 GPA; submission of a letter of application and required essay to the Teacher Education department. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
English (BA) Writing Emphasis (BA)	2.0 GPA
English/Secondary Certification (BA)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Exercise Science (BS)	2.5 GPA w/ a minimum of 15 credits; “C” in Principles of Biology I
French (BA)	2.0 GPA
French/Secondary Certification (BA)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Geoenvironmental (BS)	2.0 GPA
Geography (BA/BS) All Concentrations	2.0 GPA
Geography/Citizenship (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
History (BA) Public History (BA)	2.0 GPA
History/Citizenship (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Math (BA/BS)	2.0 GPA w/ a “C” or better in Calculus I
Math (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification in addition to general criteria for Math
Math/Computer Science Concentration (BS)	2.0 w/ a “C” or better in Calculus I AND CSC253 Computer Science I
Physics (BS)	2.0 GPA
Physics/Secondary Certification (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Political Science (BA)	2.0 GPA
Political Science/Citizenship (BSEd)	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Psychology (BA)	2.3 GPA. Students are required to attend group information session prior to declaring the major. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Public Administration (BS)	2.0 GPA
Social Work (BSW)	2.2 for 0-30 credits; 2.4 for 31-59 credits; 2.5 for 60 credits and more. Submit change of major form within first three weeks of semester.
Sociology (BA)	2.0 GPA
Spanish (BA)	2.0 GPA
Spanish/Secondary Certification	3.0 GPA for teaching certification
Speech Communications (BA)	2.0 GPA