

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
Applied Physics		Not available to transfer students.
Art B.A.	2.0	
Art B.A. Education (K-12)	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
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: CHM 121 Chemical Bonding, MAT 175 Pre-Calculus, or MAT 211 Calculus I.
Biotechnology/Pre-Forensic Science B.S.	2.5	
Health Professions B.S.	2.8	
Biology Secondary Education Certification B.S.	3.0	See above course pre-requisite requirements. Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
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 and College Writing/English Composition (equivalent to ENG 114) is required. In addition, students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA in all 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 B.A.	2.3	COM 112 Media Writing must be taken at Shippensburg University
Computer Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Computer Science B.S.	2.0	Applicants must have completed the equivalent CSC 110 Computer Science I with a C or better and be at a minimum of Math level 4 placement
Criminal Justice B.S.	2.6	
Early Childhood Education PreK-4 B.S.Ed. or PreK-4/PreK-8 Special Education Dual Certification B.S.Ed.	3.0	Applicants with more than 48 credits are strongly encouraged to meet the PA Basic Academic Skills Requirement prior to transferring to Shippensburg. Options include meeting the required minimum scores on the PAPA series, CORE series, SAT, or ACT. Failure to do so could result in not being able to take education courses until the requirement is met. Applicants with more than 60 credits may be denied admission if the applicant does not present proof of meeting the PA Basic Academic Skills Requirement. Students must have earned at least 15 credits.
Early Childhood Education PreK-4 B.S.Ed. with Early Childhood Concentration	2.5	Students must have earned at least 15 credits.

Earth-Space & General Science - Secondary Education Certification B.S.Ed.	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
Economics B.S.	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	Applicants with more than 48 credits are strongly encouraged to meet the PA Basic Academic Skills Requirement prior to transferring to Shippensburg. Options include meeting the required minimum scores on the PAPA series, CORE series, SAT, or ACT. Failure to do so could result in not being able to take education courses until the requirement is met. Applicants with more than 60 credits may be denied admission if the applicant does not present proof of meeting the PA Basic Academic Skills Requirement. Students must have earned at least 15 credits.
English B.A.	2.0	
English B.A. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
Exercise Science B.S Allied Health Pre- Professional Concentration	2.5	At least 15 credits with completion of one of the following equivalent courses with a C or higher: BIO 161 Principles of Biology: Cell Structure and Function
Exercise Science B.S.-Human Performance and Fitness Concentration	2.0	BIO 162 Principles of Biology: Organismal Diversity, or BIO 237Anatomy & Physiology 1. At least 15 credits with completion of a science course (Biology, Chemistry, or Phycis) with a grade of C or higher. Because of course sequencing in the Exercise Science Major, it is strongly recommended that applicants (both concentrations) have the equivalents of Anatomy and Physiology I and II completed prior to transferring.
Exercise Science B.S.-Pre Athletic Training Concentration	2.5	At least 15 credits with completion of one of the following equivalent courses with a C or higher: BIO 61; BIO 162 or BIO 237.
French B.A.	2.0	
French B.A. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
Geoenvironmental Studies B.S.	2.0	
Geography B.S. (GIS, Human Environmental Studies, Land Use)	2.0	

Geography Secondary Education Certification B.S.Ed. Social Studies	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
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.	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table.
Human Communication Studies B.A.	2.0	
Interdisciplinary Studies B.A.	2.0	
International Studies B.A.	2.0	
Mathematics B.S. (Applied, Statistics, No Concentration)	2.0	
Mathematics B.S. with Secondary Certification	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table
Mechanical Engineering B.S.	2.0	Applicants must be at a minimum of Math level 6 placement
Physics B.S.	2.0	
Physics B.S.Ed. Secondary Education Certification	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table
Political Science	2.0	
Prek-4 Education or Prek-4/Prek-8 Special Education Dual Certification	3.0	Please refer to Early Childhood Education in this chart
Psychology	2.3	
Public Administration	2.0	
Secondary Education	3.0	Applicants with more than 48 credits are strongly encouraged to meet the PA basic academic skills requirement prior to transferring to Shippensburg. Options include meeting the required minimum scores on the PAPA series, CORE series, SAT, or ACT. Failure to do so could result in not being able to take education courses until the requirement is met. Applicants with more than 60 credits may be denied admission if the applicant does not present proof of meeting the PA Basic Academic Skills Requirement
Social Work B.S.W.		2.2 GPA for 0-30 credits, 2.4 GPA for 31-59 credits, 2.5 GPA for 60 or more credits
Sociology	2.0	
Software Engineering		Math level 4 placement

Spanish B.A.	2.0	
Spanish & Spanish Secondary Education Certification B.A.	3.0	Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table
Sustainability B.S.	2.0	
Exploratory Studies	2.0	Applicants cannot have more than 30 transferable credits