

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.

| MAJOR | GPA | ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS/COMMENTS |
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| 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. Biotechnology/Pre-Forensic Science B.S. Health Professions B.S. | 2.5 2.5 2.8 | 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. |
| 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 | |

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| Medical Sciences B.S. Pre-Pharmacy B.S. | 3.2 2.8 | |
| Secondary Education Certification B.S. | 3.0 | |
| Communication Journalism B.A. | 2.3 | COMM 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 |
| 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 (4-8 th 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 |
| English B.A. | 2.0 | |
| English B.A. Secondary Education Certification | 3.0 | Please refer to Secondary Education requirements listed in this table. |

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| Exercise Science B.S. | 2.5 | Applicants must have one of the following equivalent courses complete with a C or higher: BIO 161 Principles of Biology: Cell Structure and Function, BIO 162 Principles of Biology: Organismal Diversity, or BIO 237 Anatomy & Physiology I. Because of course sequencing in the Exercise Science major, it is strongly recommended that applicants have the equivalents of Anatomy and Physiology I and II completed prior to transferring. |
| 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 | |

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| 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 |