The Nieri Family Department of Construction Science and Management (NfCSM)

What is a closed Academic Program?
A closed academic program is an academic program that is not immediately accessible to Bridge students because of enrollment restrictions. Students interested in one of these academic programs must request a change-of-academic-program application from the appropriate department after enrolling at Clemson. The opportunity to change to one of these academic programs upon enrollment at Clemson cannot be guaranteed.

How competitive is it to change to Construction Science and Management (CSM)?
Depending on the year, there may be 0 to 20 spaces available for students who wish to change their major to Construction Science and Management (CSM). In addition to Bridge students who wish to change to CSM in the fall of their sophomore year, there are also typically 20 to 30 other applicants competing for these spaces.

What are the requirements for changing to CSM?
Change of major requests are considered only once per year — in late May or early June. Students wishing to be considered to change their major into CSM must:

1. Have at least 30 semester credit hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7. Students will be selected based on their cumulative grade point average and the number of spaces available in the program;
2. Have successfully completed English 1030, Physics 2070/2090, and the mathematics requirement (1060 or 1020) by the end of spring semester of the year in which they are requesting the change of major; and
3. Sign the Change of Major Request Form https://www.clemson.edu/caah/departments/csm/undergraduate/change-of-major.html. Requirements are not considered.

How does the change-of-academic-program process work for CSM?
The student should place his or her name on the department change of major request list in the NfCSM Department office — 2-122 Lee Hall.

The department will consider all the requests in late May or early June and select the top students based on availability of space. Students not meeting the minimum requirements at the end of the respective spring semester will not be considered.

Are there any courses Bridge students must take during their Bridge year in order to change to CSM?
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What courses should Bridge students take during their Bridge year?
Students should have an alternative program in mind. It would be best if they take courses that work for both CSM and the alternative academic program.

What are some alternative academic programs for students who are not successful in changing their academic program to CSM?
Students who are not approved to change to the CSM academic program often choose Business Management (BS) as an alternative major.

How long will it take for Bridge students approved to change to CSM to earn their degree from Clemson?
Depending on the cohort they join, students should expect to remain at Clemson at least six additional semesters in order to graduate from Clemson.

What can Bridge students do during their Bridge year to make the change-of-academic-program process easier?
Students should feel free to contact the NfCSM Department to schedule an appointment with the Department Chair at their convenience during the Bridge year for assistance with selecting an alternative program.

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