



Sports Communication Curriculum Worksheet (2024 – 2025) CLOSED MAJOR

This worksheet outlines the required courses for this major. Students are expected to be familiar with general education and major-specific requirements for their intended major as outlined in the Clemson Undergraduate Catalog. Additionally, students must satisfy any Tri-County prerequisites for the courses below. To complete Bridge program requirements, students must earn 30 credits at Tri-County and a 2.5 GPA during their Bridge year (fall, spring, and optional summer, if needed). Students should consult the backside of this worksheet, the Undergraduate Catalog, and the Bridge Academic Guide for Clemson course equivalencies and alternative courses if students wish to enroll in other courses or if any of the following requirements have been met through dual enrollment or AP/IB credit. Advising worksheets are supplemental planning aids and are for informational purposes only.

Note: This major is not immediately accessible to Bridge students due to enrollment restrictions. Contact Kaela Gardner for information about the application process after a student matriculates to Clemson and the prerequisites required for application.

SUGGESTED CORE COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall Semester

ENG 101 or ENG 103
MAT 120
Modern Language Req.¹
Arts & Humanities (Non-Lit.) Req.¹
Social Science Req.²
Total Hours: 16

Advising Notes:

Spring Semester

SPC 205
ENG 102 or Arts & Humanities (Lit.) Req.³
Modern Language Req.¹
Natural Science w/ Lab¹
Social Science Req.¹
Total Hours: 17

Advising Notes:

Additional Course Options

Elective Courses (24 hrs.)⁴

¹ See the reverse side of this worksheet for suggested courses to fulfill this requirement.

² HIS 201 or PSC 201 are strongly recommended as they satisfy the REACH requirement for graduation. Students with AP, IB, or dual enrollment credit for these courses do not need to repeat them. The second Social Sciences course must be in a different field.

³ If ENG 101 + 102 is taken for the English composition requirement, ENG 102 should be taken instead of the A&H Literature requirement.

⁴ Take up to 24 additional hours of courses listed in the Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide that will transfer to Clemson.



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| General Education Requirements | Tri-County Courses | Clemson Equivalent Courses |
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| Communication (6 total credits): <i>Developing and expressing ideas.</i> | | |
| A. English Composition: 3 – 6 credits | ENG 103 <u>or</u> ENG 101 + ENG 102 | ENGL 1030 <u>or</u> ENGL 1999 + ENGL 1030 |
| B. Oral Communication: 3 credits | SPC 205 | COMM 2500 |
| Ways of Knowing (19 total credits): <i>Employing intellectual inquiry.</i> | | |
| C. Arts & Hum. (Lit.): 3 credits | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 205, ENG 206, ENG 208, ENG 209, or ENG 220 | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENGL 2140, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2120, or ENGL 2150 |
| D. Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.): 3 credits | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ART 101, ART 107, HSS 205, MUS 105, PHI 101, PHI 105, or PHI 110 | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ART 1200, AAH 1010, STS 1010, MUSC 2100, PHIL 1010, PHIL 1020, or PHIL 1030 |
| E. Mathematics: 3 credits | MAT 120 | STAT 2300 |
| F. Natural Science w/lab: 4 credits | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> AST 101, AST 102, BIO 101, CHM 106, CHM 107, CHM 110, or PHY 201 | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ASTR 1010/1030, ASTR 1020/1040, BIOL 1030/1050, CH 1050, CH 1060, CH 1010, or PHYS 2070/2090 |
| G. Social Sciences: 6 credits <i>Note: Second Social Science course must be from a different discipline than the first course (i.e., HIS 101 and HIS 201 cannot be used to satisfy both requirements).</i> | <i>Select two courses from the following:</i> ANT 101, ECO 210, ECO 211, HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 122, HIS 201*, HIS 202, PSC 201*, PSC 220, PSY 201, SOC 101, or SOC 205 | <i>Select two courses from the following:</i> ANTH 2010, ECON 2120, ECON 2110, HIST 1720, HIST 1730, HIST 1220, HIST 1010, HIST 1020, POSC 1010, POSC 1020, PSYC 2010, SOC 2010, or SOC 2020 |
| | <i>*HIS 201 and PSC 201 strongly recommended as they satisfy the REACH requirement for graduation.</i> | |
| Global Challenges (6 total credits): <i>Exploring global, local, regional, national, international, virtual, or philosophical challenges.</i> | | |
| H. Global Challenges: 6 credits | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> BIO 209, GEO 102, HIS 122, or PSC 220 | <i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENSP 2000 + ENSP 2999, GEOG 1030, HIST 1220, or POSC 1020 |
| | <i>Students will take a minimum of 6 credit hours, selected from two different fields (unless interdisciplinary). At least 3 hours must be taken at the 3000-level or above once they transition to Clemson.</i> | |
| Major Specific Requirements | Tri-County Courses | Clemson Equivalent Courses |
| I. Modern Language: 14 – 16 credits | <i>Select course sequence from the following:</i> SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201* , SPA 202 or ASL 101 | Four semesters (through 2020) in the same modern language are required for graduation. |
| | <i>*SPA 201 is most recommended as the first course since SPA 101 & SPA 102 may only count as elective credit in major.</i> | |

Note: COMM 1010 and 2010 will be completed at Clemson.

Any student with dual enrollment or AP/IB credit for the courses mentioned above should consult the [Clemson Undergraduate Catalog](#) & Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide for additional coursework that fulfills major and Bridge program requirements.



Sports Communication FAQs

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 sports communication?

It is expected that 10 or fewer high-quality applicants will be approved to change to the sports communication program this academic year. The selection process is very competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria to apply to the program is no guarantee of admission.

What are the requirements for changing to sports communication?

At a minimum, students must have a 3.0 Clemson GPA and complete 15 Clemson credit hours, including ENGL 1030, COMM 1010, or COMM 2010, with a grade of B or higher. Students should have strong writing skills, as demonstrated through a writing sample and resume. In addition, students must express a focused reason for pursuing the sports communication program, as demonstrated through their response to a required statement of purpose.

How does the change-of-academic-program process work for sports communication?

A faculty committee reviews applications twice a year according to the schedule below. Late applications will not be considered. To have a student's application considered by the departmental committee, the student must include all the items required for the application.

For more information about deadlines, see clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/communication/academics/undergraduate/undergrad-change-of-major/index.html.

Are there any courses Bridge students must take during their Bridge year to change to sports communication?

Coursework completed during the Bridge program usually meets general education requirements for communication (such as ENGL 1030). COMM 2010 is a course offered only at Clemson that must be taken before application. It is suggested that students plan to follow an alternative academic program until they

1. Enroll at Clemson,
2. Successfully complete COMM 2010,
3. Submit their application to change to sports communication.

Are there any courses Bridge students must take during their Bridge year to change to sports communication?

Students who successfully complete their Bridge requirements by the end of the Spring semester may enroll in the online section of COMM 2010 at Clemson in the Summer before their sophomore year. Students interested in this option must contact a Bridge staff member to plan to enroll in COMM 2010. All Bridge students interested in sports communication should enroll in COMM 1010 the first semester they attend courses at Clemson University.

What are some alternative academic programs for students who are unsuccessful in changing to sports communication?

Many students interested in sports communication also have interests in marketing, English, sociology, psychology, and parks, recreation and tourism management. Students not approved to change to sports communication are encouraged to research these alternatives and discuss them or any other potential academic programs with their assigned adviser.

What academic program should Bridge students be in when they complete the Bridge program and get to Clemson?

Any alternative academic programs listed above would be fine.

How long will it take Bridge students approved to change to sports communication to earn their degree from Clemson?

If students successfully complete COMM 2010 within the first three semesters after they bridge to Clemson (Summer, Fall, or Spring), they will be on track to graduate with a degree in sports communication within four years. Given the difficulty of getting a seat in COMM 2010 during the Fall and Spring semesters, Bridge students are encouraged to enroll in COMM 2010 in the Summer immediately following their Bridge year so they can apply to change to sports communication the following Spring (or as soon as they complete 15 Clemson credit hours). Following this timeline allows students to learn whether they have been accepted into the degree program as soon as possible.

What can Bridge students do during their Bridge year to make the application process easier?

Bridge students are encouraged to meet with an adviser in the Department of Communication to get their questions about the application process answered as soon as possible.

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clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/academic-advising/change-of-major/index.html