



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 Clemson adviser **Kaela Gardner** (kaelag@clemson.edu) for information about the application process after a student matriculates to Clemson and the prerequisites required for that application.

SUGGESTED CORE COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall Semester

ENG 101 or ENG 103

MAT 120

Modern Language Req.¹

Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.) Req.¹

HIS 201 or PSC 201²

Total Hours: 16

Advising Notes:

Spring Semester

SPC 205

ENG 102 or Arts & Hum. (Lit.) Req.³

Modern Language Req.¹

Natural Science w/ lab¹

Social Science Req.¹

Total Hours: 17

Advising Notes:

Additional Course Options

Mathematics/Natural Sci. w/ lab⁴

Elective Credit (24 hrs.)⁵

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 any math or natural science course within section G. The same course cannot be used to satisfy both Natural Science with Lab and Mathematics or Natural Science requirements.

⁵ 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
Communication (6 total credits): <i>Developing and expressing ideas.</i>		
A. English Composition: 3-6 credits	ENG 103 or ENG 101 + ENG 102	ENGL 1030 or 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	Select one course from the following: ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 205, ENG 206, ENG 208, ENG 209, or ENG 220	Select one course from the following: ENGL 2140, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2120, or ENGL 2150
D. Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.): 3 credits	Select one course from the following: ART 101, ART 107, HSS 205, MUS 105, PHI 101, PHI 105, or PHI 110	Select one course from the following: 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	Select one course from the following: AST 101, AST 102, BIO 101, BIO 105, CHM 106, CHM 107, CHM 110, PHS 101, PHS 102, or PHY 201	Select one course from the following: ASTR 1010/1030, ASTR 1020/1040, BIOL 1030/1050, BIOL 1200/1230, CH 1050, CH 1060, CH 1010, PHSC 1080, PHSC 1070, or PHYS 2070/2090
G. Social Sciences: 6 credits	HIS 201 or PSC 201	HIST 1010 or POSC 1010
<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>	Select one course from the following not chosen above: ANT 101, ECO 210, ECO 211, HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 201, HIS 202, PSC 201, PSC 220, PSY 201, SOC 101, or SOC 205	Select one course from the following not chosen above: ANTH 2010, ECON 2120, ECON 2110, HIST 1720, HIST 1730, HIST 1010, HIST 1020, POSC 1010, POSC 1020, PSYC 2010, SOC 2010, or SOC 2020
Global Challenges (6 total credits): <i>Exploring global, local, regional, national, international, virtual, or philosophical challenges.</i>		
H. Global Challenges: 6 credits	Select one course from the following: BIO 209, GEO 102, HIS 122, or PSC 220	Select one course from the following: 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. Mathematics or Natural Science: 3 – 4 credits	Select one course not chosen above: MAT 103, MAT 130, MAT 140, MAT 141, MAT 230 or AST 101, AST 102, BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 105, BIO 209, CHM 106, CHM 107, CHM 110, CHM 111, PHS 101, PHS 102, PHY 201, PHY 202	Select one course not chosen above: MATH 1010, STAT 2300, MATH 1020, MATH 1060, MATH 1080, or MATH 2070 or ASTR 1010/1030, ASTR 1020/1040, BIOL 1030/1050, BIOL 1040/1060, BIOL 1200/1230, ENSP 2000, CH 1050, CH 1060, CH 1010, CH 1020, PHSC 1080, PHSC 1070, PHYS 2070/2090, PHYS 2080/2100
<i>Note: the same course cannot be used to satisfy both Natural Science with Lab and Mathematics or Natural Science requirements.</i>		
J. Modern Language: 6 – 8 credits	Take two courses from the following: SPA 101, 102, 201, 202 ASL 101	<i>Four semesters (through 2020) in the same modern language are required for graduation.</i>

Note: Students are **strongly encouraged** to meet Bridge requirements by the end of the Spring semester to enroll in COMM 1010 and 2010 at Clemson in the summer following their Bridge year. Seating in the fall sections is not guaranteed. This expedites the application process and allows prospective communications students to apply as early as the spring of their sophomore year.

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 communication?

The department accepts a maximum of 30 change-of-academic-program requests per 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 communication?

The typical student who successfully changes to communication has:

1. Clemson GPA of approximately 3.0 or higher (with annual averages of 3.5 to 3.7),
2. Submits a superior writing sample and personal statement,
3. Supplies an overall application that demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to a career in communication.

To be eligible to apply for the change-of-academic-program process in communication, students must have a 2.5 or higher Clemson GPA. Additionally, applicants must have completed 15 Clemson credit hours, including ENGL 1030, COMM 1010, and COMM 2010 (with a grade of C or better). However, as noted above, a GPA in the 2.5 range is typically not competitive in the application process.

How does the change-of-academic-program process work for 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 apply online and include a statement of purpose, an up-to-date resume, and a scholarly writing sample (such as a completed paper from COMM 2010).

For more information about deadlines, see <https://www.clemson.edu/cbshs/departments/communication/degrees/communication.html>

What courses should Bridge students take during their Bridge year?

It would be best if students take courses that work for communication and the alternative academic program.

Are there any courses Bridge students must take during their Bridge year to change to 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. Therefore, it is suggested that students plan to follow an alternative academic program until they:

1. enroll at Clemson,
2. successfully complete COMM 2010 and
3. submit their application to change to 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 enroll in COMM 2010. All Bridge students interested in 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 communication?

Many students interested in communication also have interests in marketing, English, sociology, psychology, and parks, recreation, and tourism management. Students not approved to change to 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 of the alternative academic programs listed above would be fine.

How long will it take Bridge students approved to change to 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 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 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.