

# ADMISSION TO MAJORS

## Open Majors

Most of SPU's majors are "open," which means they are available to any student who is in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA). Students newly-admitted to SPU may directly enter any open major at the time of admission by reconfirming their intended major online at the start of their first quarter at SPU.

- Apparel Design (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/apparel-design-ba/>)
- Apparel Merchandising (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/od-nutritional-sciences-bs/>)
- Applied Human Biology (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/applied-human-biology-bs/>)
- Applied Mathematics (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/mathematics-applied-mathematics/applied-mathematics-bs/>)
- Art History and Visual Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-history-visual-studies-ba/>)
- Art: Emphasis in Photography (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-photography-ba/>)
- Art: Emphasis in Studio Arts (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-studio-arts-ba/>)
- Art: Emphasis in Visual Arts (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-visual-arts-ba/>)
- Biochemistry (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/biochemistry-bs/>)
- Biology (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/biology-ba/>)
- Biology (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/biology-bs/>)
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/cellular-molecular-biology-bs/>)
- Chemistry (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/chemistry-biochemistry/chemistry-ba/>)
- Christian Theology (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-theology/christian-theology-ba/>)
- Christian Theology (BA) to (MA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-theology/christian-theology-ba-ma/>)
- Communication Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/communication-journalism-film/communication-studies-ba/>)
- Computer Engineering (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/engineering-programs/computer-engineering-bs/>)
- Computer Science (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-ba/>)
- Computer Science (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/computer-science/computer-science-bs/>)
- Early Childhood Education: No Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-certification-ba/>)
- Early Childhood Education: P–3 Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-education-p3-certification-ba/>)
- Ecology (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/ecology-bs/>)
- Electrical Engineering (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/engineering-programs/electrical-engineering-bs/>)
- Elementary Education: K-8 Certification & English Language Learner Endorsement (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education/k-8-certification-english-language-learner-ba/>)
- Elementary Education: K-8 Certification & Reading Endorsement (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education/k-8-certification-reading-endorsement-ba/>)
- Elementary Education: K-8 Certification & Special Education Endorsement (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education/k-8-certification-special-education-endorsement-ba/>)
- Elementary Education: K-8 Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education/k-8-certification-ba/>)
- Elementary Education: No Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/elementary-education/no-certification-ba/>)
- English: Creative Writing Concentration (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/english-creative-writing-concentration-ba/>)
- English: Literature Concentration (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/english-literature-concentration-ba/>)
- Exercise Science (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-health-sciences/exercise-science/exercise-science-bs/>)
- Food and Nutritional Sciences: Food and Nutrition Emphasis (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/food-nutritional-sciences-food-nutrition-emphasis-bs/>)
- Food and Nutritional Sciences: Sports and Exercise Emphasis (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/food-nutritional-sciences-sports-exercise-emphasis-bs/>)
- General Engineering (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/engineering-programs/general-engineering-bs/>)

- History: General Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/history-programs/history-general-track-ba/>)
- History: Museum Studies Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/history-programs/history-museum-studies-track-ba/>)
- Information Systems (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/computer-science/information-systems-bs/>)
- International Sustainable Development (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/international-sustainable-development/international-sustainable-development-ba/>)
- Journalism (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/communication-journalism-film/journalism-ba/>)
- Life Science (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/life-science-ba/>)
- Mechanical Engineering (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/engineering-programs/mechanical-engineering-bs/>)
- Music: Composition (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/music-programs/music-composition-ba/>)
- Music: Music Production (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/music-programs/music-music-production-ba/>)
- Music: Performance (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/music-programs/music-performance-ba/>)
- Music: Research (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/music-programs/music-research-ba/>)
- Philosophy: General Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/philosophy/philosophy-general-track-ba/>)
- Philosophy: Technical Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/philosophy/philosophy-technical-track-ba/>)
- Physics (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/physics/physics-bs/>)
- Physics: Education Focus (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/physics/physics-ba-education-focus/>)
- Physiology (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/biology-programs/physiology-bs/>)
- Political Science (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/political-science/political-science-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Applied Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-applied-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Financial Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-financial-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: International Affairs (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-international-affairs-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Law (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-law-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Philosophy (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Public Administration (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-public-administration-ba/>)
- Politics, Philosophy & Economics: Social Enterprise (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/politics-philosophy-economics/politics-philosophy-economics-social-enterprise-ba/>)
- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Animal Behavior Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-animal-behavior-track/>)
- Psychology: Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-behavioral-cognitive-neuroscience-track/>)
- Psychology: Clinical-Counseling Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-clinical-counseling-track/>)
- Psychology: Community Psychology & Behavioral Health Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-community-behavioral-health-track/>)
- Psychology: Cross-Cultural Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-cross-cultural-track/>)
- Psychology: Data Analytics Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-data-analytics-track/>)
- Psychology: Developmental Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-developmental-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Psychological Science Track (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-bs-psychological-science-track/>)
- Psychology: Social-Personality Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-social-personality-track/>)

- Psychology: Sports Psychology Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-psychology-family-community/psychology/psychology-ba-sports-track/>)
- Social Justice & Cultural Studies: Advanced Cultural Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/social-justice-cultural-studies-advanced-cultural-studies-ba/>)
- Social Justice & Cultural Studies: Art for Social Change (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/social-justice-cultural-studies-art-social-change-ba/>)
- Social Justice & Cultural Studies: Environmental Justice (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/social-justice-cultural-studies-environmental-justice-ba/>)
- Social Justice & Cultural Studies: Pre-Law Human Rights & Policy (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/social-justice-cultural-studies-pre-law-human-rights-policy-ba/>)
- Social Justice & Cultural Studies: Social Advocacy & Community Work (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/english-cultural-studies-programs/social-justice-cultural-studies-social-advocacy-community-work-ba/>)
- Sociology (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/sociology-programs/sociology-ba/>)
- Special Education: Educational Ministry Emphasis (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education/special-education-educational-ministry-emphasis-ba/>)
- Special Education: Elementary Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education/special-education-elementary-certification-ba/>)
- Special Education: Secondary Certification (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education/special-education-secondary-certification-ba/>)
- Special Education: Special Education Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-education/special-education/special-education-studies-ba/>)

## Limited Enrollment Majors

A small number of majors at SPU have limited capacity, and therefore require a competitive admission process.

Students who meet specific GPA and course prerequisite criteria may be eligible to be directly admitted to the Accounting, Business Administration, Economics, or Nursing major at the time of admission to the university. Eligibility for direct admission will be evaluated in the admission process based on the student's GPA and completion of certain prerequisites.

Students who are not eligible for direct admission to one of these limited enrollment majors should apply for general admission to the university and will have the opportunity to apply to the major once prerequisites and GPA requirements have been satisfied.

Students who enter SPU with junior or senior standing should identify and enter their major within their first two quarters at SPU. Later

decisions are possible, but may impact the student's timely completion of a degree.

- Accounting (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/accounting/accounting-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-economics-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Finance (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-finance-ba/>)
- Business Administration: General Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-general-track-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Information Systems (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-information-systems-ba/>)
- Business Administration: International Business (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-international-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Management (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-management-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Marketing (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-marketing-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Public Policy (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-public-policy-ba/>)
- Business Administration: Social Enterprise (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/business-administration/business-administration-social-enterprise-ba/>)
- Economics: Business Analysis (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/economics/economics-business-analysis-ba/>)
- Economics: Development Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/economics/economics-development-ba/>)
- Economics: Financial Economics (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/economics/economics-financial-economics-ba/>)
- Economics: General Track (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/economics/economics-general-track-ba/>)
- Economics: Public Policy (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-business-government-economics/economics/economics-public-policy-ba/>)
- General Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-programs/general-studies-ba/>)

- Honors Liberal Arts (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-programs/honors-liberal-arts/honors-liberal-arts-ba/>)
- Nursing (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/school-health-sciences/nursing/nursing-bs/>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/nutrition-dietetics-bs/>)
- Student-Designed (BA) or (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/interdisciplinary-programs/student-designed-major/>)

## Portfolio Required Majors

One SPU major requires presentation of a portfolio as part of the competitive admission process:

- Visual Communication (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/visual-communication-ba/>)

The Art Department reviews portfolios for the Visual Communication major in early fall quarter (second Tuesday of September), early winter quarter (fourth Tuesday of January), and early Spring quarter (third Tuesday of April).

Portfolio guidelines are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-arts-humanities/art-programs/visual-communication-ba/#admissiontext>).