

# B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders

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### What is the study of Communication Sciences and Disorders?

Communication Sciences and Disorders includes two disciplines, Speech-language Pathology and Audiology, which have developed out of a concern for people with communication disorders. The academic and clinical curriculum at the undergraduate level includes a wide range of courses and clinical practicum opportunities. Students study normal

communication processes and disorders. Courses in normal processes include Language Development, Speech Acoustics, Hearing Science, and Anatomy and Physiology. Courses regarding disorders cover Language Disorders, Phonological Disorders, Hearing Disorders, and Stuttering, for example. The undergraduate education prepares students to

pursue a graduate degree. A master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology or a clinical doctorate degree in Audiology and certification at the national level are required to engage in professional practice.

### Why should I consider a Communication Sciences and Disorders Major?

Many people easily talk with family, friends, and colleagues everyday. Although we often take language, speech, and hearing for granted, these processes are extraordinarily complex. Furthermore, anyone at any age can be affected by illness or injury that will impair the ability to talk or hear. In fact, one out of every six Americans has a communication disorder. Each one can be helped in some way by a

Speech-language Pathologist, Audiologist, or Speech, Language, and Hearing Scientist.

Grounded in the latest scientific theories and research, CSD students learn to assess and treat persons with communication disorders—from infants to the elderly. In labs students have access to state-of-the-art equipment and analysis procedures as they study sound, speech, language, and hearing. Speech-language

Pathologists and Audiologists make a positive contribution to people's lives. With the changing makeup of our population comes the need for speech-language-hearing professionals who are skilled in working in a complex and diverse society. For people with the proper education and flexibility, employment prospects are excellent. Opportunities and challenges await you!

### Declaring a Communication Sciences and Disorders Major:

Students interested in majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders must make initial application with the CSD

Department, Parks Hall 17. At that time an advisor will be assigned. Students must begin the lock-step major in the fall quarter

(usually the junior year) in order to complete the series of required courses within two years.

### Mid Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

#### Coursework:

You must complete at least one course in Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and Mathematics during your undergraduate study to meet certification requirements. Contact CSD advisor with questions. Enroll in CSD 251 (fall or spring), CSD 253 (winter) your Sophomore year to learn more about this major

#### Other Activities:

Begin lock-step program fall quarter of your junior year, taking the required core courses in CSD 251, 352, 354, 356 and passing with a B- or better.

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### Sample Career Fields:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Speech-Language Scientist
- Government/Industry Consultant
- Audiologist
- Hearing Scientist
- Clinic Administrator

## *Communication Sciences & Disorders Major Requirements: 68 Credits*

CSD 251 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)  
CSD 352 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms (5)  
CSD 353 Speech Science (5)  
CSD 354 Speech and Language Development Children (3)  
CSD 356 Phonetics (3)  
CSD 361 Language Disorders I (3)  
CSD 371 Hearing Science (3)  
CSD 372 Hearing Disorders (3)  
CSD 373 Introduction to Phonology (3)  
CSD 450 Neuroanatomy for Speech Pathology and Audiology (4)  
CSD 451 Language Disorders II (3)  
CSD 457 Clinical Processes (5)  
CSD 458\* Beginning Clinical Practice in Speech-Language Therapy (3)  
CSD 459\* Lab: Beginning Clinical Practice in Speech-Language Therapy (1)  
CSD 462\* Audiometric Testing (4)  
CSD 463 Aural Rehabilitation (4)  
CSD 464\* Clinical Practice in Aural Rehabilitation (2)

CSD 468\* Clinical Practicum in Audiology (2)  
CSD 486\*\* Infants and Children with Hearing Loss (3)  
CSD 488\*\* Hearing Loss in Adulthood (3)  
CSD 497 Writing Labs (taken twice, 1 each)  
LIBR 402 Research Tutorial (1)

*\*Non-graduate track students do not take CSD 458, 459, 462, 464, or 468, so students will need to substitute an equivalent number of credit hours with advisor-approved upper division courses.*

*\*\*Non-graduate track students take CSD 486 and 488 with instructor permission.*

**Electives under departmental advisement**

**Required minor**

**These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:**

**QSR: MATH 114**

**WP: CSD 361, 450, 457, 486, 488**

## *Other Communication Sciences and Disorders options:*

Minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders (25 credits)

Minor in Audiology (24 credits)