

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS MAJOR (B.S.)

<https://chhs.unh.edu/communication-sciences-disorders/program/bs/communication-sciences-disorders-major>

Description

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Communication Sciences and Disorders is the profession devoted to assessing and treating disorders, delays, or differences in speech, language, and hearing. In this program, students study how the ability to communicate develops as well as review an array of communication disorders that can affect individuals across the lifespan. Students learn about speech, language, and hearing through a unique model of education, observation, and research. This pre-professional degree will prepare you to successfully enter clinical or research graduate programs in areas such as audiology, speech-language pathology, cognitive science, or education.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: No

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

Candidates for a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders must satisfy all departmental as well as UNH Discovery and Writing Intensive requirements.

Students must earn a grade of C or better in all COMM courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
COMM 401	American Sign Language I	4
PSYC 401	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSYC 402	Statistics in Psychology	4
LING 405	Introduction to Linguistics	4
PHYS 409	Investigating Physics	4
COMM 420	Survey of Communication Disorders	4
MATH 420	Finite Mathematics	4
COMM 504	Basic Audiology	4
BMS 507	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
COMM 521	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	4
COMM 522	Language Acquisition	4
COMM 524	Clinical Phonetics	4

PSYC 581	Child Development	4
COMM 636	Speech and Hearing Science	4
COMM 705	Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation	4
KIN 706 & KIN 707	Neurology and Neurology Lab	6
COMM 723	Observation Skills in Speech-Language Pathology (satisfies 25 Observation Hours)	2
COMM 741	Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders: Foundations in Clinical Decision-Making	4
COMM 742	Neurological Foundations of Communication Disorders Across the Lifespan	4
Capstone		
COMM 724 or COMM 799	Senior Capstone Honors Thesis	4
Total Credits		80

CSD welcomes transfer students. We are committed to helping you keep to your intended graduation timeline; however, this is dependent upon what courses you have completed before transfer. UNH undergraduates who have not declared a major and/or are interested in transferring into communication sciences and disorders (CSD) should apply directly to the department by completing an internal transfer application. Applications may be submitted any time during the academic year. Acceptance into CSD is dependent upon space and the applicant's academic credentials.

Before applying, it is recommended that you review the degree plan.

Internal Transfer students - [Apply Now](#)

For any questions regarding CSD curriculum please email the department at csd.department@unh.edu.

Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan

This sample degree plan serves as a general guide; students collaborate with their academic advisor to develop a personalized degree plan to meet their academic goals and program requirements.

First Year

Fall		Credits
COMM 420	Survey of Communication Disorders	4
PSYC 401	Introduction to Psychology	4
BMS 507	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	0-4
LING 405	Introduction to Linguistics	4
Credits		12-16
Spring		
MATH 420	Finite Mathematics	0-4
PHYS 409	Investigating Physics	4
Credits		4-8

Second Year

Fall		Credits
COMM 521	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	4
COMM 524	Clinical Phonetics	4
PSYC 402	Statistics in Psychology	4
Credits		12
Spring		
COMM 636	Speech and Hearing Science	4
COMM 522	Language Acquisition	4

PSYC 581	Child Development	4
Credits		12
Third Year		
Fall		
COMM 401	American Sign Language I	4
COMM 504	Basic Audiology	4
KIN 706 & KIN 707	Neurology and Neurology Lab	6
Credits		14
Fourth Year		
Fall		
COMM 741	Pediatric Speech and Language Disorders: Foundations in Clinical Decision-Making	4
COMM 723	Observation Skills in Speech-Language Pathology	2
COMM 724 or COMM 799	Senior Capstone or Honors Thesis	4
Credits		10
Spring		
COMM 742	Neurological Foundations of Communication Disorders Across the Lifespan	4
COMM 705	Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation	4
Credits		8
Total Credits		72-80

Student Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

- The Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) undergraduate curriculum aligns with the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) standards.
- Students completing required COMM courses will have the foundational knowledge to meet ASHA standards.
- Students completing required COMM courses will have the academic preparation to apply to either SLP or Audiology graduate programs.
- All CSD students will have a capstone experience which will allow them to integrate academic experiences.
- Students will be introduced to evidence-based practice (EBP) as it relates to the professions of speech language pathology and audiology.