

# COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS (ONLINE)

The Communication Disorders curriculum provides specialized preparation for students who plan to enter a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology and those who would like to work as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A). Students supplement their academic study of typical communication development, communication disorders, and clinical management with observation of the clinical experience via alternative clinical education such as virtual patients. Students must maintain a grade of B or better in all Speech Language Hearing Sciences (SPHS) courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, to remain in the program.

The undergraduate program fulfills requirements needed for entry into a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology as well as all educational requirements for certification as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Details regarding certification are available from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (<http://www.asha.org/certification/>) (ASHA), and for those seeking a license as Apprentice in Speech-Language (ASL) in New Mexico, information can be found on the website of the New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department ([http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech\\_language\\_pathology\\_audiology\\_and\\_hearing\\_aid\\_dispersing\\_practic](http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/speech_language_pathology_audiology_and_hearing_aid_dispersing_practic))

Professional employment opportunities for speech-language pathologists and audiologists are numerous within settings such as school systems, community clinics, medical centers, hospitals, private practice, residential programs, and schools for individuals with disabilities.

## Program Requirements

Required coursework (120 credits; minimum 48 upper-division credits)

Electives to meet the 120 minimum credit hours for this degree can either come from any minor that a student chooses to pursue or any other elective courses not counting elsewhere towards the degree. Recommended minors for this degree are Linguistics, Spanish, or Counseling and Educational Psychology.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300/3000 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<i>General Education</i>		
<i>Area I: English and Communication</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3

or ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (or higher) <sup>1</sup>	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology	4
or BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)	
or BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
or BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
Choose one from the following:		4
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
or PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music	
or CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
or CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
or CHEM 1225G	General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
<i>Area V: Humanities <sup>2</sup></i>		
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics (recommended)	3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts <sup>2</sup></i>		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
<b>Viewing a Wider World Courses (must be from two different colleges) <sup>2</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
One course must be in the College of HEST and a second VWW course must be outside the College of HEST and both need to be available through the NMSU Global Campus		
<b>Departmental/College Requirements</b>		
SPHS 2110	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
SPHS 4520	Audiology	3
SPHS 4610	Language Development	3
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science	3
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span	3
SPHS 4720	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms	3
SPHS 4810	Clinical Methods and Procedures	3
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation	3
<b>Non- Departmentals Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW)</b>		
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology	3
or CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
LING 302V	Language and Society	3
or LING 303	Exploring Language Systems	
Choose one from the following:		3
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH 2350G	Statistical Methods	

STAT 3110	Statistics for Engineers and Scientists	3
Choose one from the following:		
PSYC 2250	Brain and Behavior	
GNDR 381V	Women's Health Issues	
PSYC 3220	Learning	
<b>Second Language: (see below)</b>		
SIGN 1110	American Sign Language I <sup>3</sup>	3
or SPAN 1110	Spanish I	
SIGN 1120	American Sign Language II <sup>3</sup>	3
or SPAN 1120	Spanish II	
<b>Electives, to bring total credits to 120 <sup>4</sup></b>		<b>24</b>
SPHS 3110V	Autism Spectrum Disorders - a Lifespan Perspective (recommended)	
12 credits must be upper-division		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> MATH 1220G College Algebra is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1220G first.
- <sup>2</sup> See the General Education and Viewing the Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>3</sup> SPAN 1110 Spanish I/SPAN 1120 Spanish II or an advanced Spanish course
- <sup>4</sup> Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

## A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1220G College Algebra and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
FALL		
SPHS 2110	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
or ENGL 1110H	or Composition I Honors	
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
SPRING		
BIOL 1130G	Introductory Anatomy & Physiology (non-majors)	4
SPHS 3110V	Autism Spectrum Disorders - a Lifespan Perspective	3
or SPHS 2110	or Introduction to Communication Disorders	

ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
or ENGL 2210H	or Professional and Technical Communication	
First Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

<b>Semester 3</b>		
SUMMER		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or HNRS 2175G	or Introduction to Communication Honors	
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
Next Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN)		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
FALL		
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	3
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
SPHS 4510	Phonetics	3
SPHS 4520	Audiology	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Semester 2</b>		
SPRING		
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science	3
Choose one from the following:		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology	3
or CEPY 1120G	or Human Growth and Behavior	
Chose one elective course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Semester 3</b>		
SUMMER		
SPHS 4610	Language Development	3
Chose one of the following:		
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>

<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
FALL		
GNDR 381V	Women's Health Issues	3
or CEPY 3210V	or Human Relations Training	
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span	3
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
or CEPY 4110V	or Introduction to Counseling	
Chose one elective course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Semester 2</b>		
SPRING		
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan	3
SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation	3

LING 302V or LING 303	Language and Society or Exploring Language Systems	3
Elective or VVW course		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
SUMMER		
Upper division Elective		6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>		
SPHS 4720	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms	3
Upper Division Elective Course(s)		6
VVW - Viewing a Wider World Course <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
SPRING		
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders	3
SPHS 4810	Clinical Methods and Procedures	3
Chose two upper Division Elective Courses		6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> The VVW Course must be outside the College of Health, Education and Social Transformation and be facilitated through the NMSU Online section offerings see the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a complete list of VVW Courses and refer to the Course Schedule for the available campus offerings.