

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

The Communication Disorders curriculum provides specialized preparation for students who would like to enter a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology and those who plan 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 in the department's Edgar R. Garrett Speech and Hearing Center and/or 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 all educational requirements needed 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_practices.aspx).

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>		
Choose one from the following:		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
or ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		

Choose one from the following:		3
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
or HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra (or higher) ¹	3
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	3
Choose one sequence from the following:		4
BIOL 1120G	Human Biology	
& BIOL 1120L	and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology	
BIOL 2610G	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution	
& BIOL 2610L	and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
Choose one from the following:		4
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
CHEM 1225G	General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music ^{recommended}	
<i>Area V: Humanities ²</i>		3
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics ^{recommended}	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts ²</i>		3
<i>General Education Elective ²</i>		
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
Viewing a Wider World Courses (must be from two different colleges) ³		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
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
Non- Departmentals Requirements (in addition to Gen.Ed/VWW)		
PSYC 2120	Developmental Psychology	3
or PSYC 2220	Cognitive Psychology	
PHLS 4620V	Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	3
or PHLS 3130V	Global Environmental Health Issues	
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	
A ST 311	Statistical Applications	

Choose one from the following:	3
GNDR 381V Women's Health Issues	
BEST 4550 Borderlands Visual Culture	
ANTH 1140G Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
Second Language: (see below)	
SIGN 1110 American Sign Language I ³	3
or SPAN 1110 Spanish I	
SIGN 1120 American Sign Language II ³	3
or SPAN 1120 Spanish II	
Electives, to bring total credits to 120⁵	24
SPHS 3110V Autism Spectrum Disorders - a Lifespan Perspective	
12 credits must be upper-division	
Total Credits	120

¹ MATH 1220G College Algebra is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1220G first.
² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
³ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.
⁴ SPAN 1110 Spanish I/SPAN 1120 Spanish II or an advanced Spanish course.
⁵ 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.

First Year		
Semester 1		Credits
ENGL 1110G Composition I ¹		4
or ENGL 1110H or Composition I Honors		
MATH 1220G College Algebra ¹		3
PSYC 1110G Introduction to Psychology		3
Choose two from one of the following:		6
ANTH 1140G Introduction to Cultural Anthropology		
GNDR 381V Women's Health Issues		
PHIL 2110G Introduction to Ethics		
Credits		16
Semester 2		
COMM 1115G Introduction to Communication		3
or HNRS 2175G or Introduction to Communication Honors		
MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics ¹		3
SOCI 1110G Introduction to Sociology		3

LING 2110G Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
SPHS 2110 Introduction to Communication Disorders	3

Credits 15

Second Year	
Semester 1	
BIOL 1120G Human Biology	4
& BIOL 1120L and Human Biology Laboratory	
PSYC 2120 Developmental Psychology	3
LING 302V Language and Society	3

Choose from one of the following: 3

ENGL 2210G Professional and Technical Communication ¹	
or ENGL 2210H or Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2215G Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	

Minor (or Elective) Course 3

SIGN 1110 American Sign Language I	
or SPAN 1110 or Spanish I	

Credits 16

Semester 2	
PHYS 1125G Physics of Music	4
SPHS 3110V Autism Spectrum Disorders - a Lifespan Perspective	3

Choose from one of the following: 3

LING 303 Exploring Language Systems	
PHLS 3130V Global Environmental Health Issues	

Minor (or Elective) Course 3

SIGN 1120 American Sign Language II	
or SPAN 1120 or Spanish II	

Credits 13

Third Year

Semester 1	
SPHS 4510 Phonetics (Fall Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4520 Audiology (Fall Only) ¹	3

Minor (or Elective) Course 3

PHLS 4620V Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	
PSYC 2220 Cognitive Psychology	

Minor (or Elective) Course 3

SIGN 2110 American Sign Language III	
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Credits 12

Semester 2	
SPHS 4610 Language Development (Spring Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4620 Speech and Hearing Science (Spring Only) ¹	3

Minor (or Elective) Course 9

SIGN 3110 American Sign Language IV	
BFIN 303V Personal Financial Planning and Investing in a Global Economy	
MUSC 1210 Fundamentals of Music for Non-majors	

Credits 15

Fourth Year

Semester 1	
SPHS 4715 Language Disorders Across the Life Span (Fall Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4720 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms (Fall Only) ¹	3

SPHS 4810 Clinical Methods and Procedures¹ 3

VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course³ 3

GNDR 381V	Women's Health Issues	
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
SIGN 3210	Introduction to Deaf Culture and Community	
Credits		15
Semester 2		
SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation (Spring Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan (Spring Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders (Spring Only) ¹	3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
SIGN 4110	Deaf Culture	
Upper Division Elective ³		6
Credits		18
Total Credits		120

¹ These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements.

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