

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</i> ²		3
PHI 2110G	Introduction to Ethics ^{recommended}	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ²		3
<i>General Education Elective</i> ²		
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 120 ⁵	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.