**COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, B.S. (HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT)**

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus  
**End Campus:** University Park

**Program Description**

This major offers a comprehensive program of study for preparing students who want to become speech-language pathologists or audiologists. The curriculum is specifically designed for the sole purpose of preparing undergraduate students for graduate study in communication sciences and disorders or related areas. This occurs because state licensure laws and professional certifications require that a speech-language pathologist or audiologist must have a master’s degree, pass a national test, and complete a clinical fellowship year.

Overall, the curriculum enables students to develop fundamental knowledge based on scientific principles, skills, and attitudes required for habilitating and rehabilitating persons of all ages with a wide range of speech, language, and hearing problems. Further, the curriculum allows students an opportunity to explore all aspects of communication sciences and disorders as well as elect courses of special interest.

The first two years of study emphasize general education and background study. The last two years of study emphasize normal and disordered aspects of speech, language, and hearing as well as professional management, concerns, and obligations. Clinical observation and diversity focused coursework are included in the curriculum.

**What is Communication Sciences and Disorders?**

Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is the study of human communication disorders. Undergraduate students acquire a strong foundation in the basic sciences and processes related to typical, delayed, and disordered speech, language, cognition, swallowing, and hearing. Students gain critical-thinking abilities necessary to apply foundational knowledge and skills to the identification, assessment, and treatment of communication disorders. Graduates proceed to advanced degrees in speech-language pathology or audiology to habilitate and rehabilitate children and adults with a variety of disorders and delays through service and research. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are employed in environments such as schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, community clinics and nursing homes.

**You Might Like This Program If...**

- You know you will find fulfillment in working closely with others.
- You want to pursue a career in a helping profession.
- You envision yourself teaching people skills to improve their quality of life.
- You want to develop new interventions for those with communications disorders.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS**

**Entrance to Major**

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:

1. attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and  
2. have third-semester classification (http://www.registrar.psu.edu/enrollment/semester-classification.cfm).

**Degree Requirements**

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

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9-10 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 6 credits of GS courses; 3-4 credits of GQ courses.

To satisfy graduation requirements, students must have completed 6 credits from courses offered in the college and outside the department in which the major is offered.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. CSD requires students to complete 24 credits for the major through courses taken at University Park. Courses taken at other Penn State campuses may not be counted toward this 24 credit minimum. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for this major.

**Requirements for the Major**

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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- CSD 269 Deaf Culture 3
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- CSD 311 Clinical Phonetics 3
- CSD 331 Anatomy and Physiology for Speech and Hearing 3
CSD 341  Acoustic Principles in Communication Sciences and Disorders  3
CSD 433  Aural Rehabilitation  3
CSD 442  Introduction to Disorders of Articulation and Phonology  3
CSD 444  Introduction to Organic Disorders of Speech and Language  3
CSD 451  An Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication  3
CSD 459W Principles of Clinical Management in Communication Disorders  3
CSD 462  Clinical Bases of Language Disorders  3

Additional Courses
EDPSY 14  Learning and Instruction  3
or PSYCH 261 Introduction to Psychology of Learning  3
HDFS 129  Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies  3
or PSYCH 212 Introduction to Developmental Psychology  3

Select 3-4 credits of the following:  3-4
EDPSY 101  Analysis and Interpretation of Statistical Data in Education  3
PSYCH 200  Elementary Statistics in Psychology  3
STAT 200  Elementary Statistics  3

Select one of the following:  3
HDFS 229  Infant and Child Development  3
HDFS 249N Adult Development and Aging  3
HDFS 315  Family Development  3
HDFS 411 The Helping Relationship  3
HDFS 418  Family Relationships  3
HDFS 432  Developmental Problems in Childhood and Adolescence  3
PSYCH 270  Introduction to Abnormal Psychology  3
PSYCH 471  Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships  3

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Program Learning Objectives
- Communication Skills:
  - Demonstrate effective written communication skills to explain and describe content and research knowledge, and critical thinking skills as they apply to topics in CSD
• Demonstrate effective spoken communication skills to explain and describe content and research knowledge, and critical thinking skills as they apply to topics in CSD

• Content Knowledge:
  • Explain and apply knowledge of the developmental norms for speech/language acquisition
  • Explain and apply knowledge of the theoretical and scientific foundations of CSD
  • Explain and apply knowledge of speech, language and hearing disorders
  • Explain how individual, cultural, and linguistic differences contribute to understanding of language and communication
  • Discuss current technological advances and illustrate their use for clinical problem solving
  • Demonstrate knowledge of the basic clinical process for the evaluation and remediation of communication disorders and differences

• Critical Thinking Skills and Research Knowledge:
  • Apply critical thinking, problem solving and logical reasoning skills to topics in CSD
  • Develop and explain the scientific method and basic analytic skills for interpretation of research
  • Identify and apply "evidence-informed decision making" as a lifelong learning perspective

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2022-23 academic year. To access previous years’ suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
CSD 146 3 CSD 230 3
CSD 297 (First-Year Seminar) 1 HDFS 129 or PSYCH 212 3
PSYCH 100 3 STAT 200, EDPSY 101, or PSYCH 200 3-4

General Education Course (GWS) (ENGL 15, ENGL 30H, ESL 15, or ENGL/CAS 137H recommended) 3
General Education Course (GA) 3 General Education Course (GWS) (CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, CAS 100C, or ENGL/CAS 138T recommended) 3
General Education Course (GH) 3
PSU 14 1

Total Credits: 17 15-16

Second Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
CSD 269 3 CSD 311 3
CSD 300 3 CSD 331 3
HDFS 229, 249N, 315, 411, 418, 432, PSYCH 270, or PSYCH 471 3 EDPSY 14 or PSYCH 261 3

General Education Course (GA) 3 General Education Course (GHW) 1.5-3
General Education Course (GQ) 3 General Education Course (GH) 3

Total Credits: 15 13.5-15

Third Year

Fall Credits Spring Credits
CSD 433 3 CSD 341 3
CSD 442 3 CSD 462 3

## Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S. (Health and Human Development)

### General Education Course

**Physical Science**

3 credits

**ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D recommended**

### General Education Course

- **GWS**
- **GHW** or Elective

1.5-3 credits

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### University Requirements and General Education Notes:

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

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Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30H and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

### Advising Notes:

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CSD 100 and CSD 269 are currently the only CSD courses available online (through World Campus), offered every summer, fall and spring semester.
**Communication Sciences and Disorders, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses**

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Career Paths
Students who complete an advanced degree in speech-language pathology evaluate, diagnose and provide treatment for people of all ages who have communication disabilities and differences. Speech-language pathologists with master's degrees work in hospital and rehabilitation centers, schools, community clinics, nursing homes, and private practice. Audiology students who complete a clinical doctorate of audiology degree (Au.D.) evaluate, diagnose and treat people of all ages with hearing loss. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists who earn doctorate (Ph.D.) degrees typically teach and conduct research in a university setting.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS PROGRAM (https://hhd.psu.edu/csd/undergraduate/careers/)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (https://hhd.psu.edu/csd/communication-sciences-and-disorders-graduate-program/)

Professional Resources
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) (https://www.asha.org)

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