

DEAFNESS AND HEARING STUDIES, MINOR

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DEAFNESS AND HEARING STUDIES
(<https://hhd.psu.edu/csd/undergraduate/minor-deafness-and-hearing-studies/>)

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

This interdisciplinary minor is designed for students who want to learn about individuals with hearing disabilities, audition, and deafness within an individual and societal context. Core courses include knowledge and skills in preventing hearing loss, basic communication skills and disabilities, history, thought and culture of individuals who are deaf, and principles of human behavior and their applications. The minor will assist students in recognizing relationships among hearing disability, deafness, cultural differences and their impact on the individual in educational, social and vocational settings. Specializations include, but are not limited to, health-related fields, communications, societal and social life, cultural impact, educational experiences, prejudice and discrimination, and rehabilitation. Students will be able to place deaf culture and hearing disabilities in the proper perspective necessary for life-long learners engaged in fostering climates which embrace individuals from diverse backgrounds, especially disabilities.

The minor is most appropriate for students interested in clinical and health-related fields (e.g., nursing, biobehavioral health, or medicine), professional fields (e.g., business, pre-law, or communications), social sciences (e.g., human development and family studies, sociology, or psychology), and education (e.g., early childhood education, special education, rehabilitation counseling), as it will provide students with exposure to the range of variation in persons with hearing disabilities and deafness across the lifespan.

Students from any major (except Communication Sciences and Disorders) can declare a minor in Deafness and Hearing Studies. Students seeking advising for this minor should contact the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

What is Deafness and Hearing Studies?

Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is the study of human communication disorders. The Deafness and Hearing Studies (DHS) Minor introduces students to the educational, societal and vocational world of individuals with hearing disabilities and deafness across the lifespan. The Deafness and Hearing Studies Minor is interdisciplinary in nature as undergraduate students will learn about communication skills, effects of loss of hearing and prevention of hearing loss, deaf culture and human behavior.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You know you will find fulfillment in working closely with others.
- You want to work in an educational setting.
- You want to work in a health-related field.
- You are interested in learning more about individuals with communication differences and disabilities.