

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

The Communication Disorders curriculum provides specialized preparation for students who would like to work as Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLP-A) and those who plan to enter a graduate program in speech-language pathology or audiology. 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_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
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
Choose one from the following: 3		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		

Choose one from the following:		3
ACOM 1130G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
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 & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1190G	Contemporary Problems in Biology	
BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology 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	
PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab	
PHYS 1240G & PHYS 1240L	Algebra-Based Physics II and Algebra-Based Physics II Lab	
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ²		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ²		3
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
SOCI 1110G or SOCI 2310G	Introduction to Sociology or Contemporary Social Problems	3
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 Acquisition	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 or CEPY 1120G	Developmental Psychology or Human Growth and Behavior	3
CEPY 4110V	Introduction to Counseling	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	
A ST 311	Statistical Applications	
Choose one from the following:		3
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
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
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
MATH 1220G	College Algebra ¹	3
Choose two from one of the following:		6
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
	Credits	13
Semester 2		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3

MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics ¹	3
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	3
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
	Credits	15
Second Year		
Semester 1		
BIOL 1120G	Human Biology	4
& BIOL 1120L	and Human Biology Laboratory	
SPHS 2110	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
Choose from one of the following:		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors ¹	
ENGL 2215G	Advanced Technical and Professional Communication	
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
SPHS 3110	or Human Growth and Behavior	3
or CEPY 1120G		
	Credits	16
Semester 2		
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music	4
Choose from one of the following:		3
ENGL 1410G	Introduction to Literature	
ENGL 2520G	Film as Literature	
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing	
ENGL 2650G	World Literature I	
Choose from one of the following:		3
LING 302V	Language and Society	
LING 303	Exploring Language Systems	
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
	Credits	16
Third Year		
Semester 1		
SPHS 4510	Phonetics (Fall Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4520	Audiology (Fall Only) ¹	3
First Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN)		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
	Credits	15
Semester 2		
SPHS 4610	Language Acquisition (Spring Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4620	Speech and Hearing Science (Spring Only) ¹	3
Next Course in Second Language Series (ASL or SPAN) ¹		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		6
	Credits	15
Fourth Year		
Semester 1		
SPHS 4810	Clinical Methods and Procedures	3
SPHS 4820	Neural Bases of Communication Disorders (Fall Only)	3
SPHS 4715	Language Disorders Across the Life Span (Fall Only) ¹	3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
	Credits	15

Semester 2

SPHS 4830	Aural Rehabilitation (Spring Only) ¹	3
SPHS 4720	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Mechanisms (Spring Only)	3
SPHS 4710	Speech Disorders Across the Lifespan (Spring Only)	3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ³		3
Minor (or Elective) Course		3
Credits		15
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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