Speech and Hearing Science, BA

The undergraduate major in speech and hearing science emphasizes the normal processes of speech, hearing, and language. Coursework for the major prepares students to enroll in either a master's degree program in speech-language pathology or a clinical doctorate program in audiology (AuD). The undergraduate degree does not qualify an individual to work professionally in the field.

Learning Outcomes

Graduating BA students in speech and hearing science will have:

- a strong foundational understanding of the physical processes and biological substrates underlying normal audition, normal perception, and production of speech and language;
- a strong foundational understanding of the normal development of speech, language, and hearing;
- finished all prerequisite coursework needed to begin a graduate program in either speech-language pathology or audiology; and
- preparation to begin more advanced graduate coursework focusing on disorders, diagnosis, and treatment.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in speech and hearing science requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 63-64 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

Requirements include 12 core courses offered by the department and eight cognate courses offered by other departments. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 15 s.h. toward the major at the University of Iowa.

The BA with a major in speech and hearing science requires the following coursework.

Core Courses

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CSD:3117 Psychology of Language 3
CSD:3118 Language Acquisition 3
CSD:3185 Hearing Loss and Audiology 3
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CSD:4148 Developmental Speech Disorders 3
CSD:4244 Rehabilitative Audiology 3

Cognate Courses

Students may choose cognate courses that help fulfill the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

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<td>Elementary Psychology</td>
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<td>Elementary Statistics and Inference</td>
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<td>Introduction to Statistical Methods</td>
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<td>Statistical Methods and Computing</td>
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<td>Biostatistics</td>
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<td>CHEM:1070</td>
<td>General Chemistry I</td>
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<td>Principles of Chemistry I</td>
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<td>PHYS:1400</td>
<td>Basic Physics (preferably with lab)</td>
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Honors in the Major
The departmental honors program provides students the opportunity to conduct research in the field of communication sciences and disorders, gain experience presenting research ideas in public settings, and work closely with a faculty mentor.

In order to be eligible, students must have a cumulative and major grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.60 at the end of the spring semester of their sophomore year, when top-ranking eligible students will be invited to apply for the program. Interested students should complete and return the application. A limited number of spots are available, based on the availability of mentors. Applications will be reviewed, and a select number of students will be admitted to the program.

After entering the departmental honors program, students enroll in CSD:3097 Honors Seminar in the fall semester of their junior year. The seminar provides an introduction to research philosophies, research design and implementation, and a chance for each student to critically evaluate existing research literature. In addition, the seminar provides an introduction to the department’s research facilities and potential thesis advisors.

By the beginning of the spring semester of their junior year, students will have selected project areas and thesis advisors. During their final three semesters, honors students register for a total of 4 s.h. of CSD:4098 Honors Thesis and work on their projects/theses with their mentors. During the spring semester of their senior year, honors students present their projects at a university-wide forum (such as the UI Spring Undergraduate Research Festival) and at a departmental event (such as ProSem). Students must maintain a cumulative and major GPA of at least 3.60 in order to graduate with honors in the major. As a final recognition of the completion of the departmental honors program, honors students’ diplomas bear a special notation.

University of Iowa Honors Program
In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the speech and hearing science major.

Career Advancement
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Advanced degree holders may work as a professor, clinician, and/or researcher in the field of communication sciences and disorders.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.

Academic Plans
Four-Year Graduation Plan
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The major requires specific mathematics and science competencies that may be satisfied with courses approved for the GE CLAS Core.

Before the fifth semester begins: three courses in the major.
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GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5
CSD:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring
PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology 3
Major: physics or chemistry course f, g 3 - 4
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Fall
CSD:2110 Phonetics: Theory and Applications 3
CSD:2111 Basic Acoustics for Speech and Hearing 3
LING:3001 Introduction to Linguistics 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course h 3

Spring
CSD:3113 Introduction to Hearing Science 4
CSD:3118 Language Acquisition 3
BIOL:1141 Human Biology: Health Professions 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course 4 - 5
Elective course h 1

Third Year
Fall
CSD:3185 Hearing Loss and Audiometry i 3
Major: group A psychology course g 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture d 3
Elective course h 3 - 4

Spring
CSD:3112 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Production 4
CSD:3117 Psychology of Language 3
Major: group B psychology course g 3
Major: statistics course g 3
Elective course h 3 - 4

Fourth Year
Fall
CSD:3116 Basic Neuroscience for Speech and Hearing 3
CSD:4145 Developmental Language Disorders 3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts 3
Elective course h 3 - 4

Total Hours 15-16

Spring
CSD:4148 Developmental Speech Disorders 3
CSD:4244 Rehabilitative Audiology 3
CSD:4120 Introduction to Clinical Methods and Observation 3
Elective course h 3
Elective course h 3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours 15

Total Hours 125-135

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b Students intending to pursue AuD should consider MATH:1460.
c Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
d GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
e Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
f Students should choose a course that will also fulfill the GE CLAS Core Natural Sciences requirement.
g See General Catalog for list of approved courses.
h Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
i Typically this course is offered in fall semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
j Typically this course is offered in spring semesters only. Check MyUI for course availability since offerings are subject to change.
k Students have the opportunity and are encouraged to obtain 25 hours of supervised clinical observation, a prerequisite for participation in clinical practicums at the graduate level. This requirement is satisfied by completion of CSD:4120 Introduction to Clinical Methods and Observation. In some cases, this requirement also can be fulfilled by independent observations.
l Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.