

College: CLAS

Department: Speech and Hearing Sciences

Degree: B.A./B.S.

Introduction

The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences offers courses and clinical experiences designed to meet the needs of individuals pursuing careers in speech-language pathology and audiology. Advanced degree holders in these fields provide services to people with speech, language or hearing problems in medical and educational settings, community clinics, and private practices. The department offers a pre-professional, undergraduate program in speech language pathology and audiology as well as a master's degree program in speech-language pathology.

The undergraduate program leads to a B.S. or B.A. in speech and hearing sciences. (The program is primarily designed to prepare students for graduate work in speech-language pathology and audiology.) It includes courses in normative, developmental, and disordered areas of speech, hearing, and language. Courses in the undergraduate program may also be taken by students earning College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degrees who are not pursuing careers in speech-language pathology and audiology.

Undergraduate Program Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate basic knowledge of communication disorders and differences.

Students will demonstrate basic knowledge of standards of ethical conduct.

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the basic human communication processes, as well as the nature of speech, language and hearing, including: biological bases; acoustical bases; developmental bases; cultural bases; anatomy and physiology; and psycho-acoustical bases.

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for people with communication disorders.

Students will demonstrate skill in oral and written forms of communication related to communication development and disorders.