

Program Overview

The School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at San Diego State University (SDSU), offers a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree program in Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and ASL and Deaf Studies*, accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). The School's focus is on educating the finest speech-language-hearing professionals in the United States, broadly trained in all clinical practices, and educated in basic and applied research perspectives of the communication sciences and disorders. It is an extremely diverse program in terms of course content, client populations, and geographic distribution of the students both within and outside of the United States.

Students in the program have the advantage of an outstanding teaching and research faculty, research laboratories, and state-of-the-art speech, language, and hearing clinic facilities. Experiences with clients of all ages, ethnicities, and potential disorders, seen under the supervision of specialized clinical faculty, are available. Students are able to take advantage of numerous outplacement facilities including hospitals, private clinics, public schools, and diagnostic centers that serve the greater San Diego area.

General Program of Study

Speech and language pathology, Audiology, and ASL and Deaf Studies are professions which identify, help, and study persons with communicative disorders. Those entering these professions should possess a strong motivation to help individuals with genetically, physically, or psychologically caused communication problems. Preparation involves acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to assume responsibility for assessment, education, and rehabilitation of persons with speech, language, and hearing disorders. The School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences is committed to preparing speech-language-hearing professionals to meet the challenges of a racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse society.

Course Requirements

The program of study prepares students to practice in a number of different environments from public schools to hospital clinics and across different ages and disorder groups. The bachelor's degree serves as a basis for graduate and professional study in speech, language, and hearing sciences. There are few employment opportunities for holders of the bachelor's degree. A master's degree (or doctoral degree in Audiology), national certification, and state licensure or school credential are needed for professional practice.

The undergraduate curriculum is broad, involving coursework on normal and disordered speech, language, and hearing, as well as clinical procedures. Both Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences tracks cover a set of general studies in early coursework (22 units) before specialization (35 upper division units). Students interested in the Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences program are advised to take college level courses in anatomy, biology, psychology, English, physiology, linguistics, physics, and mathematics. Studies leading to private practice, hospital work, industrial work, work in school settings, or preparation for the graduate degrees are similar in many ways; it is the area of specialization that serves to differentiate courses of study.

As part of this major, students will have to complete international experience. The requirement is a minimum of two weeks in a study abroad program and more information can be found at www.chhs.sdsu.edu/international.

Admission Requirements

Applicants accepted as undergraduates to San Diego State University may major in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of the General Catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 68 units in Speech, Language, and Hearing science courses can apply to the degree.



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For additional information, visit our websites.

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Preparation for the Major

The following introductory-level courses are required before starting the sequence that constitutes the major: Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 101, 106, and 150; Psychology 101 and 260; and Psychology 280 [or equivalent statistics course (e.g., Statistics 119 or 250, Sociology 201)].

Major

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 300, 305, 320, 321, 340, 340L, 512, 513, 514, 539, and 580 (33 units)

A minor is not required with the major.

Time Limitation

All courses for the major must be completed within seven years for the granting of the undergraduate degree. Any course completed more than seven years prior to the date on which all requirements for the degree are completed cannot be used to satisfy unit requirements for the degree.



Careers in Audiology, Speech Pathology and Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Audiology: Audiologists work with people who have hearing, balance, and related ear problems. They examine individuals of all ages and identify those with the symptoms of hearing loss and other auditory, balance, and related sensory and neural problems. They then assess the nature and extent of the problems and help the individuals manage them.

Speech Language Pathology: Speech-language pathologists, sometimes called *speech therapists*, assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, fluency, and other related disorders. Speech-language pathologists work with individuals across the life-span and in many settings including schools, clinics, medical settings and in private practice.

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences: With post-graduate, academic training at the doctoral level (Ph.D.), individuals may hold faculty positions at the university level and conduct research in speech, language, and hearing sciences.

Helpful Web Sites:

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:

www.ASHA.org

American Academy of Audiology: www.audiology.org

American Sign Language Teachers Association:

www.aslta.org

Deaf Education: www.deafed.net

California Speech-Language-Hearing Association:

www.CSHA.org

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association:

<http://www.nsslha.org/nsslha/>