

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Communication Disorders

Completion of an undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders provides students with opportunities to pursue a master's degree or PhD in Speech Language Pathology or an AuD or PhD in Audiology. The Department of Communication Disorders provides students with a broad-based theoretical foundation at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Curriculum includes classes in normal and disordered processes of human communication, as well as in evaluation, treatment and research. Communication Disorders undergraduate students have the unique opportunity to complete a clinical practicum experience delivering services directly to clients at the on-campus Center for Speech and Hearing. The department also houses a fully accredited Master of Arts degree in Communication Disorders. Students who complete their undergraduate or post-bachelor coursework in Communication Disorders at Southeast are eligible for priority enrollment consideration to the master's program and may qualify for a non-resident alumni tuition level.



Becoming Career Ready...

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer real-world experience.

Communication Disorder students gain hands-on clinical experience through observation, clinical assisting, and practicum training at the Center for Speech and Hearing. The Center's new state-of-the-art facility opened in 2017.

/ Students supervised by faculty speech-language pathologists provide assessment and intervention in a variety of disorder areas including speech sound, language, literacy, cognition, voice, swallowing, and augmentative and alternative communication.

/ Students supervised by our faculty audiologist or local preceptors provide assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation for hearing-related pathologies including hearing loss audiological rehabilitation, assistive listening devices, intraoperative monitoring, central auditory processing disorders, and cochlear implant mapping.

/ Students interact and learn from expert faculty with years of experience in the field. All faculty members are licensed clinical professionals in the state of Missouri and hold national certification through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

/ Faculty are accessible to students due to small class sizes and low student-to-supervisor ratios.

/ Students graduating with a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders are well-prepared for careers in a variety of fields including education, healthcare, science, and public policy. Students can also consider pursuing ASHA certification or state licensure as an audiology assistant or speech-language pathology assistant.

/ Many graduates pursue further education at the graduate level. Completion of a master's degree allows the student to practice as a speech-language pathologist.

/ Students who have declared a major in the program receive one-on-one advising each semester. Our knowledgeable faculty advisors assist you with developing and carrying out your plan to achieve your educational goals.

Employment Settings of Recent Graduates:

- Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation
- Public Schools
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Early Intervention
- Private clinics
- Universities
- Neonatal intensive care units

Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates

- Southeast Missouri State University
- Rockhurst University
- Maryville University
- Saint Louis University
- Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! A Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders provides a strong foundation in communication skills, critical thinking, collaboration, cultural competence, and evidence-based decision-making. These skills are strongly desired by many employers in a variety of professions. You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

Admission Requirements

There are no admission requirements to declare Communication Disorders as an undergraduate major. To maintain enrollment, students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for program-specific retention requirements. Instructions regarding application to the Communication Disorders Graduate Program can be found on the departmental website. Instructions regarding application to the Communication Disorders Graduate Program can be found on the departmental website.

NOTE: State and national certification in speech-language pathology (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts) requires that applicants complete a core of courses in the humanities, professional education, biological/physical sciences, mathematics, behavioral and social sciences. Students should work closely with a department advisor in selecting appropriate University Studies and professional education courses that meet these certification requirements. A Master's degree is required to practice as a speech-language pathologist.

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

Communication Disorders – 51 Hour Major – No Minor Required

Required Courses:

- ___ CD211 Anatomy & Physiology/Speech Mechanism (4)
- ___ CD225 Phonetics (3)
- ___ CD230 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD340 Normal Speech/Language Development (3)
- ___ CD371 Anatomy & Physiology/Hearing Mechanism (3)
- ___ CD390 Counseling Individuals with Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD402 Clinical Practicum/ Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD404 Clinical Applications in Speech-Language Pathology (3)
- ___ CD406 Service Delivery in Communication Disorders (4)
- ___ CD408 Nature of Assessment & Intervention for Language & Fluency Disorders (3)
- ___ CD409 Nature of Assessment & Intervention for Articulation & Voice Disorders (3)
- ___ CD413 Preventing, Diagnosing, & Treating Language-Based Literacy Disorders (3)
- ___ CD426 Hearing Disorders: Audiological Assessment (3)
- ___ CD 464 Senior Seminar in Communication Disorders (1)
- ___ CD480 Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology in Speech & Hearing (3)
- ___ CD484 Introduction to Neurogenic Disorders (3)

Choose one of the following*:

- ___ CD502 Communication Technology (3)**
- ___ CD510 Multicultural Issues in Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD512 Speech & Hearing Science (3)
- ___ CD525 Aural Rehabilitation (3)

Additional Requirements:

- ___ BS103 Human Biology (3)
- ___ EN140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- ___ MA155 Statistical Reasoning (3)
- ___ PY101 Introduction to Psychology (3)

Choose One Course:

- ___ CH180 Chemistry in Our World (3)
- ___ PH106 Physical Concepts (3)

Choose One Course:

- ___ CD110 Language Culture of Deaf (3)
- ___ SO101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

NOTE: The undergraduate program in Communication Disorders is designed to give students the background in studies of general education, human behavior, and communication disorders. Although a minor is not required, students are encouraged to take elective courses after discussions with their advisor.

*If planning to pursue a graduate degree in Communication Disorders, it is recommended that students complete all 500-level courses listed under the elective section.

**If pursuing the Assistant Certification Program through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), students must take all CD courses. CD502 must be taken as a required elective for the Audiology Assistant or Speech Pathology Assistant Certification Program through the (ASHA) at the undergraduate level.

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	CD110 or SO101	3
	EN100	3	CH180 or PH106	3
	BS103	3	EN140	3
	PY101	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Total	13	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	CD225	3	CD211	4
	CD230	3	CD340	3
	General Education	3	MA155	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	16
<i>(summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18 hour semesters)</i>				
THIRD YEAR	CD371	3	CD408	3
	CD406	4	CD426	3
	CD409	3	CD480	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	2	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15
FOURTH YEAR	CD402	3	CD390	3
	CD404	3	General Education	3
	CD413	3	Elective	3
	CD464	1	Elective	3
	CD484	3	Elective	3
	CD502/510/512/525	3		
	Total	16	Total	15

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin regarding retention policy information for the Department of Communication Disorders.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599).

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.

NOTE: This program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure and/or certification in Missouri. Please consult our State Authorization webpage, to determine information specific to your state:
<https://app.semo.edu/genl/distancelearningcompliance/DistLearnComp.aspx>.

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