

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Master of Arts (MA)

This is a guide based on the **2025-2026** Graduate 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

59 hours required

Required Courses:

- ___ CD603 Advanced Communication Disorders Clinical Practicum (3 enrollments) (9)*
- ___ CD608 Clinical Methods in Speech Language Pathology (2)
- ___ CD616 Literacy Essentials for Speech Language Pathologists (3)
- ___ CD620 Developmental Articulatory & Phonological Disorders (3)
- ___ CD625 Research Methodology in Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD628 Cognitive Communication Disorders and Their Functional Implications (2)
- ___ CD630 Language & Disorders & Their Functional Implications (3)
- ___ CD634 Language & Cognitive Disorders in Early Childhood (2)
- ___ CD635 Language, Cognitive & Social Communication Disorders in School-Aged Children (3)
- ___ CD641 Voice Disorders (2)
- ___ CD642 Stuttering and Cluttering (2)
- ___ CD643 Augmentative, Alternative and Assistive Communication Modalities (2)
- ___ CD651 Neurogenic Speech Disorders (2)
- ___ CD652 Swallowing Disorders (3)
- ___ CD653 Pediatric Feeding & Swallowing (1)
- ___ CD656 Craniofacial Anomalies & Resonance Disorders (2)
- ___ CD659 Speech & Language Services for Special Populations (2)
- ___ CD669 Externship in Communication Disorders (2 enrollments) (6)
- ___ CD670 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Communication Disorders (2)
- ___ CD685 Professionals Topics in Communication Disorders (2)

Choose One of the Following Areas:

Non-Thesis Area

- ___ CD683 Research in Communication Disorders (2 enrollments) (1-3)
- ___ GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Examination (0)

Thesis Area

- ___ CD695 Thesis (2 enrollments) (1-3)
- ___ GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

Additional requirements:**

- ___ CD399 Speech & Hearing Science (3)
- ___ CD525 Aural Rehabilitation (3)

*CD570 The Practice of Speech-Language Pathology Abroad (3) is offered for substitution of CD603 in the summer session.

**If the student did not have CD399 and/or CD525 or equivalent as an undergraduate, the student must take this course as a graduate student.

Degree Requirements

The degree requirements in Communication Disorders are designed to meet the academic and clinical standards established by the Council for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Completion of the degree requirements constitutes one component toward the establishment of the student's eligibility for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP).

It is the student's responsibility to confer with his/her academic advisor regarding recent changes (if any) in academic or clinical standards. Also, it is the student's responsibility to complete any additional requirements for the CCC-SLP beyond completion of the degree and to submit proper documentation of all required components.

Admission Requirements

Application procedures are detailed on the departmental website at <https://semo.edu/colleges-departments/education-health/communication-disorders/graduate-info/index.html>. Admission is considered only for the summer semester. Domestic applicants must submit their application materials to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Computerized Application System (CSDCAS). International applicants must submit an international application at semo.edu/apply, in addition to completing the CSDCAS application. In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. An undergraduate degree in Communication Disorders (or equivalent area) from a regionally accredited college or university
2. A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 OR a minimum average GPA of 3.0 across all communication disorders courses.

Note: Applicants with undergraduate majors in disciplines other than communication disorders must meet the same criteria for all graduate students indicated above and demonstrate that they will have completed the required core of undergraduate courses prior to the start date for the program. Applicants with undergraduate majors in disciplines other than communication disorders should contact the department for a meeting with a graduate advisor.

Applicants must also submit the following documents via CSDCAS: two letters of recommendation, resume, personal statement

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS Academic score of 7.0, TOEFL iBT score of 95, PTE Academic score of 64 or Duolingo English score of 125. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification. For a complete list of countries, visit* <https://semo.edu/international/admissions/policies.html>.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit <https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

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