

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 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

53 Hour Major – No Minor Required

Required Courses:

- ___ CD211 Anatomy & Physiology/Speech Mechanism (3)
- ___ CD225 Phonetics (3)
- ___ CD230 Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD340 Normal Speech/Language Development (3)
- ___ CD390 Counseling Individuals with Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD395 Introduction to the Hearing Mechanism & Audiological Assessment (3)
- ___ CD399 Speech & Hearing Science (3)
- ___ CD402 Clinical Practicum/ Communication Disorders (3)
- ___ CD404 Clinical Applications in Speech-Language Pathology (3)
- ___ CD406 Introduction to Clinical Practice (4)
- ___ CD408 Nature of Assessment & Intervention for Language & Fluency Disorders (3)
- ___ CD409 Nature of Assessment and Intervention for Speech Sound & Voice Disorders (3)
- ___ CD413 Preventing, Diagnosing, & Treating Language-Based Literacy Disorders (3)
- ___ CD464 Senior Seminar in Communication Disorders (1)
- ___ CD470 Introduction to Culturally Responsive Practice in Comm Disorders (3)
- ___ CD480 Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology in Speech & Hearing (3)
- ___ CD484 Introduction to Neurogenic Disorders (3)
- ___ HL113 Medical Terminology (3)

Choose 3 hours:*

- ___ CD502 Communication Technology (3)
- ___ CD525 Aural Rehabilitation (3)

Additional Requirements:

- ___ BS103 Human Biology (3) OR BS113 Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- ___ EN140 Rhetoric & Critical Thinking (3)
- ___ MA155 Statistical Reasoning (3)
- ___ PY101 Introduction to Psychology (3)

Choose 3 hours:

- ___ CH181 Basic Principles of Chemistry (3)
- ___ PH106 Physical Concepts (3)

Choose 3 hours:

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

*If planning to pursue a graduate degree in Communication Disorders, it is recommended that students complete CD525 Aural Rehabilitation.

If pursuing the Assistant Certification Program through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), students must take all CD courses.

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

Optional courses:

- CD470 Introduction to Culturally Responsive Practice in Comm Disorders (3)
- CD525 Aural Rehabilitation (3)
- CD570 The Practice of Speech-Language Pathology Abroad (3)

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>



SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	CD110 or SO101	3
	EN100	3	CH181/PH106	3
	BS103 or BS113	3-4	EN140	3
	PY101	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
Total		13-14	Total	15
SECOND YEAR	CD225	3	CD211	3
	CD230	3	CD340	3
	General Education	3	MA155	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		15	Total	15
THIRD YEAR	CD399	3	CD395	3
	CD406	4	CD408	3
	CD409	3	CD480	3
	Elective	3	HL113	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
Total		16	Total	15
SUMMER SESSION			Optional course	0-3
FOURTH YEAR	CD402	3	CD390	3
	CD404	3	CD470	3
	CD413	3	CD484	3
	CD464	1	General Education	3
	CD502 or CD525	3	Elective	2
	Elective	3		
Total		16	Total	15

RETENTION/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS PROGRAM

Students interested in the professions of speech-language pathology or audiology may contact the Communication Disorders Department to declare the major in Communication Disorders any time after being admitted to the University. Upon completion of the declaration of major form, each student will be assigned an advisor within the department.

Retention Requirements: Students will be retained as communication disorders majors providing the following retention criteria are met:

1. A minimum GPA of 3.00 in the major courses must be maintained, with a grade of 'C' or better in all major courses. Any course within the major with a grade of 'D' or 'F' must be repeated prior to taking a class for which it is a prerequisite.
2. A student who completes a semester with a major GPA below 3.00 will be placed on probation within the major for the next semester of enrollment. If a major GPA of 3.00 is not achieved by the end of the probationary semester, the student will not be allowed to continue in the Communication Disorders major.

Retention Grievance Policy: Any student who is not retained in the Communication Disorders major will be notified by the Chairperson of the Department of Communication Disorders. The student will be given the opportunity to meet with the Department Chairperson to discuss the rationale of the decision. An official request for review of the decision must be received by the Chairperson within 10 business days of the mailing date of the denial letter.

Graduation Requirements: In addition to fulfilling all University requirements for graduation, students wishing to graduate with a major in Communication Disorders must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Present a minimum overall GPA of 2.50.
2. Present a minimum major GPA of 3.00.

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DEGREE MAP 2026-2027

