The Department of Communicative Disorders

The Department of Communicative Disorders offers an undergraduate major in Communicative Disorders (Speech-Language Pathology), and a minor in Communicative Disorders (Speech-Language Pathology). Students majoring in Communicative Disorders are expected to matriculate to graduate study in Speech-Language Pathology.

**Major**

**Total Required Credit Hours**: Students earning the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Communicative Disorders must complete all University, college and departmental degree requirements. This includes the general education requirements (see University of Alabama Undergraduate Catalogue), the major requirements defined below, and all requirements for an approved minor and sufficient other credits to total 120 credit hours.

**Pre-Requisites for Admission to Major**: CD 225, 226, 244, and 275 with a GPA of 3.0. A grade of B- (or higher) in CD 275, Anatomy of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism is required. An overall accumulative UA GPA of 2.8 is required as well.

**Grade Point Average**: There are several grade tiers for entrance into various aspects of the major. An overall GPA of 2.5 is required to enroll in 200 level classes in the department/major. One must achieve a B- in CD 275, Anatomy of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism or higher to be admitted to the major. In order to be allowed to take 308, one must have a 3.0 in the major and a 2.8 overall UA GPA. Finally, to be considered for clinical practicum (CD 377) one must have an overall UA GPA of 3.3 and a 3.0 CD GPA in the major. The following classes: CD 225, 226, 244, 275, 308 are used to computer CD GPA.

**Courses Required in the Major**

2.5 UA GPA or a transfer GPA of 2.5 to get into 200 level classes

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<td>CD 226</td>
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<td>CD 277</td>
<td>Pre-professional Video Lab Experience</td>
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**Subtotal** 13 hours

2.8 UA GPA and an overall 3.0 in the Major to take the following classes

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<td>Aural Rehabilitation</td>
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**Subtotal** 18 hours

Take one (1) of these three tracks after taking above classes.

1. Clinical Track – *must have 3.3 overall GPA at UA*
   3 hours of undergraduate clinical practicum (CD 377)
2. SLP Track – 3 hour elective from 400 level elective classes below
3. AUD Track – 3 hours of Advanced Audiology Lab (CD 445)
ELECTIVES

CD 455 Voice Disorders
CD 454 Fluency Disorders
CD 416 Multicultural Issues

Subtotal 3 hours

Total 34 hours

Residency Requirement: A minimum of 12 hours at the 300-and 400-level in this major must be earned on this campus.

Required Ancillary Courses: The major in Communicative Disorders requires the following courses outside the major. Grades in these courses are not computed into the major GPA:

1) Two courses from the following:
   - Intro to Deductive Logic (PHL 101)
   - Intro to Inductive Logic (PHL 102)
   - Critical Thinking (PHL 104)
   - Intro to Ethics (PHL 200)
   - Medical Ethics (PHL 204)
   - Ethical Theory (PHL 304)
   - Philosophy of Language (PHL 355)
   - Humanities I: Perspectives (NEW 211)
   - Humanities I: Creativity (NEW 212)
   - Humanities II: Do the Right Thing: Moral Inquiry (NEW 415)
   - Humanities II: Human Futures (NEW 414)
   - Critical Decision Making (COM 122)
   - Interpersonal Communication (COM 220)

2) One Statistics Class (such as BER 345 or PY 211 or ST 260)
3) One Introductory Biological Science with a lab (BSC 108, 109, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120)
4) One Introductory Physical Science with a lab (e.g. AY 101/102, CH 101, CH 107, GY 101, GY 102, GEO 101, GEO 102, PH 101)
5) PY 101
6) Technical Writing course (EN 319) (* or other CD advisor-approved W-designated course)

Requirement of the Major for a Minor: This major requires the completion of a minor.

Other Academic Policies Governing Completion of the Major:

Admission to clinical practicum: Only communicative disorders majors are admitted to clinical practicum and only by application. Prior to admission to CD 377, clinical practicum, or CD 445, the audiology practicum, the student must meet the following criteria:

*The student must have been evaluated favorably by two faculty members in the department who have knowledge of the student’s abilities.
*The student must give an acceptable performance on a speech and language proficiency test and on a hearing screening given in conjunction with CD 225. If students fail the speech and language test, they will be required to enroll in speech-language therapy in order to correct or control the disorder to the extent that it would not interfere with their functioning as a clinician. At the termination of therapy, students must pass the required speech and language proficiency test to the satisfaction of the Evaluation Committee. If a student fails the hearing screening, appropriate follow-up steps must be taken upon the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee.

*During the practicum, a student judged to be experiencing difficulty will be evaluated by his or her clinical supervisor and one additional clinical staff member in order to determine if performance is satisfactory. If not satisfactory, a remediation plan will be implemented by a minimum of two clinical faculty and one academic faculty members. The effectiveness of each practicum student will be evaluated by faculty and supervisors.

**Special Opportunities for Undergraduate Students:**

Students are encouraged to become involved in research with a departmental faculty member.

Students are encouraged to become active in the local and national chapters of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarship awards within the department at the junior and senior levels.

Students with a 3.3 GPA or higher in the major are encouraged to apply to participate in the clinical experience.

**Minor:**

**Pre-Requisites for Admission to Minor:** An overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher is required for entry into 200 level CD classes.

**Courses Required in the Minor:**

- CD 225 Introduction to Communicative Disorders 3 hours
- CD 226 Language and Speech Development 3 hours
- CD 275 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism 3 hours
- CD 308 Speech Disorders I 3 hours
- CD 309 Speech Disorders II 3 hours
- CD 443 Basic Audiology 3 hours

**Residency Requirement:** A minimum of 6 hours at the 300-and 400-level in this minor must be earned on this campus.

**Required Ancillary Courses:** This minor does not require outside courses.

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