**The Department of Communicative Disorders**

The Department of Communicative Disorders offers a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree 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 or audiology.

**Communicative Disorders Major (BA)**

**Degree requirements**

Students earning the Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) with a major in communicative disorders must complete all University, college, and departmental degree requirements. These include the general education requirements, the following major requirements, all requirements for an approved minor, and other sufficient credits to total a minimum of 120 applicable semester hours.

**Admission into the major**

Sophomore standing and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 are required to enroll in any 200- 300- and 400- level CD course. Completion of all 200-level CD courses (except [CD 277](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Preprofess Lab Experience) is required for enrollment in 300- and 400-level CD courses. To be considered for clinical practicum ([CD 377](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Clin Practicum I Speech), students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at 3.30 and at least a 3.00 major GPA based on the following courses: [CD 225](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Intro Comm Disorders, [CD 226](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Lang & Speech Develop, [CD 244](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Phonetics, [CD 275](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Anat Physio Sech Hear Mechanism, and [CD 308](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Speech Disorders I. Students are expected to formally declare a major no later than the fourth semester of full-time enrollment (or at 61 semester hours for transfer students). With the assistance of an advisor in the major department, students should complete the "Declaration of Major" online.

**Grade point average**

A 2.00 grade point average in the major is required for completion of the degree. The major GPA is calculated based on all courses applicable to the major that the student has attempted at UA. Minimum GPA standards are required for clinical practicum and continuance in the major. See "Admission into the major" and "Admission to Clinical Practicum."

**Major courses**

The major in communicative disorders requires the successful completion of the following 34 semester hours:

|  | | **Hours** |
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| [CD 225](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro Comm Disorders | 3 |
| [CD 226](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Lang & Speech Develop | 3 |
| [CD 244](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Phonetics | 3 |
| [CD 275](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Anat Physio Sech Hear Mechanism | 3 |
| [CD 277](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Preprofessional Lab Experience | 1 |
| [CD 308](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Speech Disorders I | 3 |
| [CD 309](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Speech Disorders II | 3 |
| [CD 351](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Hearing Science | 3 |
| [CD 411](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Speech Science | 3 |
| [CD 416](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Multicultural Issues | 3 |
| [CD 443](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Basic Audiology | 3 |
| [CD 444](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Aural Rehabilitation | 3 |
| **Total Hours** | | **34** |

Students may choose to take elective CD courses:

|  | | **Hours** |
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| [CD 377](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Clin Practicum I Speech | 3 |
| CD 378 | Clin Practicum II Speech | 3 |
| [CD 445](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Audiology Lab Experience | 1-3 |
| [CD 454](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Fluency Disorders | 3 |
| [CD 455](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Voice Disorders | 3 |

**Upper-level residency**

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

**Ancillary courses**

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA. The major in communicative disorders requires the successful completion of the following courses outside the major. Many of these courses can be used to satisfy general education requirements.

|  | | **Hours** |
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| [PY 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro To Psychology | 3 |
| BSC 1 | | 4 |
| Physical Science 2 | | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| [BER 345](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Educational Statistics |  |
| [PY 211](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Elem Statistical Methods |  |
| [ST 260](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Statistical Data Analysis |  |
| CJ 381 | Statistics |  |
| **Total Hours** | | **14** |

¹ BSC course must be chosen from the following:

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| [BSC 108](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro Biology Non Maj I | 4 |
| [BSC 109](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro Biology Non Maj II | 4 |
| [BSC 114](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/)   & [BSC 115](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Principles Of Biology I    and Laboratory Biology I | 4 |
| [BSC 116](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/)   & [BSC 117](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Principles Biology II    and Biology II Laboratory | 4 |
| [BSC 118](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors General Biology I | 4 |
| [BSC 120](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors Gen Biology II | 4 |

² Physical science course must be chosen from the following:

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| [AY 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/)   & [AY 102](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro To Astronomy    and Intro Astronomy Lab | 4 |
| [CH 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | General Chemistry | 4 |
| [CH 102](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | General Chemistry | 4 |
| [CH 104](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Introductory Chemistry | 4 |
| [CH 105](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Introductory Org Chem | 4 |
| [CH 117](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors General Chemistry | 4 |
| [CH 118](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors General Chemistry | 4 |
| [GEO 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | The Dynamic Earth | 4 |
| [GEO 102](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | The Earth Through Time | 4 |
| [GEO 105](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Sustainable Earth | 4 |
| [GY 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Atmospheric Proc & Patterns | 4 |
| [GY 102](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Earth Surface Processes | 4 |
| [PH 101](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | General Physics I | 4 |
| [PH 102](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | General Physics II | 4 |
| [PH 105](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | General Physics W/Calc I | 4 |
| [PH 106](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Generl Physics W/Calc II | 4 |
| [PH 125](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus | 4 |
| [PH 126](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus | 4 |

**Required minor**

This major requires the completion of a minor.

**Additional major requirements**

Students are advised that the major in communicative disorders is considered to be pre-professional. A master's degree or the equivalent is necessary for membership in and certification by the national professional organizations and for licensure by the state of Alabama and most other states. The Department of Communicative Disorders offers a program leading to the Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology (see UA graduate catalog).

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have met all University, college, major, and minor requirements. However, each student must meet with an advisor in the major department for academic planning and to be cleared for registration each semester. College advisors are also available for additional assistance with minor, college, and University requirements. Students majoring in communicative disorders who wish to participate in clinical practicum or audiology practicum must apply for admission into [CD 377](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Clin Practicum I Speech, CD 378 Clin Practicum II or [CD 445](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) Audiology Lab Experience

**Admission into clinical practicum**

Admission requirements include the following:

* Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30.
* Completion and minimum 3.00 GPA in all of the following:

**Hours**

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| [CD 225](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Intro Comm Disorders | 3 |
| [CD 226](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Lang & Speech Develop | 3 |
| [CD 244](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Phonetics | 3 |
| [CD 275](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Anat Physio Sech Hear Mechanism | 3 |
| [CD 277](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Preprofess Lab Experience | 1 |
| [CD 308](http://courseleaf.ua.edu/artssciences/communicativedisorders/) | Speech Disorders I | 3 |

* Overall performance review and favorable evaluation by two graduate faculty members.
* Satisfactory performance on a departmental speech and language proficiency test and hearing screening as determined by the Evaluation Committee. Failure of the speech and language test requires enrollment in speech-language therapy and retesting to determine if admission to the clinical practicum is possible. Appropriate follow-up steps recommended by the Evaluation Committee must be taken if a student fails the hearing screening.

**Applications will not be considered unless submitted by September 1st for spring clinic and February 1st for summer and fall clinic.** Admission is limited to a maximum of 15 students per semester. Upon admission to an undergraduate clinical practicum, the department will issue a permit that will allow the student to enroll in CD 377, CD 378, or CD 445.

**Special opportunities**

The Department of Communicative Disorders provides students an opportunity to participate in research with a departmental faculty member. Students are also encouraged to become active in the local and national chapters of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Junior- and senior-level scholarship awards are available for students majoring in communicative disorders. For eligible students, the department also offers clinical practicums for hands-on experience in speech-language pathology and audiology

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**Application for Admission to Clinical Practicum**

**Department of Communicative Disorders**

**The University of Alabama**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **CWID**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Earned Hours**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Planned Graduation Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Term and Type practicum you are applying for:**

Summer Term Spring Term Fall Term

CD 377: Speech Pathology Practicum I CD 378: Speech Pathology Practicum II

CD 445: Audiology

**1**. **Mark each CD course you will have completed prior to the start of the practicum:**

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| CD 225 | CD 308 | CD 411 |
| CD 226 | CD 309 | CD 416 |
| CD 244 | CD 351 | CD 444 |
| CD 275 | CD 377 | CD 454 |
| CD 277 |  | CD 455 |

**2**. **These minimum admission criteria must be met.**

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| 3.0 GPA in CD 225, 226, 244, 275, & 308: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA |
| 3.3 or higher overall GPA: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA |
| CD Major declared: | Yes  No |
| 25 hours of observation completed (CD 277): | Yes  No |

**3. Obtain favorable evaluation by two CD faculty/staff members**

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I herby apply for admission to the undergraduate clinical practicum in communicative disorders. I have read the requirements for the program in my *Undergraduate Catalog* and certify that I meet them.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Student meets minimum admission criteria: | Yes  No |
| Minimum admission criteria certified by: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Student Admitted to undergraduate clinical practicum

Student Admitted to undergraduate clinical practicum pending \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student *not* admitted to the undergraduate clinical practicum.

Comments:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Director, UA Speech & Hearing Date

Original: Student's Advising File

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