

## ABOUT THE MAJOR

Speech and Hearing Science professionals evaluate, diagnose, and treat individuals with speech and hearing disorders. If you're interested in a career in speech language pathology and/or audiology, then a Speech and Hearing Science degree at the U is a great fit for you! In this program, you will take courses in phonetics, anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing; language science; pediatric and medical speech-language pathology; hearing disorders and evaluation; and psychometrics (measuring mental abilities and processes). You will have opportunities for practical experience in the field and complete 25 hours of observation of treatment practices for speech, language, as well as hearing.

With a Speech and Hearing Science degree, you will gain an appreciation of the complexities associated with human communication and acquire an understanding of some of the more common mechanisms that lead to disorders in both children and adults. Our undergraduate curriculum provides students with the foundational knowledge needed to pursue pre-professional training programs in both speech-language pathology and audiology. These programs are all directed at improving the lives of individuals with communication disorders.




## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Learn the foundations of speech, language, and hearing disorder assessment and treatment.
- Learn to engage with the psychometrics and research and clinical methods that influence work in communication sciences and disorders.
- Develop a deep understanding of human communication including phonetics, anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing, language development, as well as hearing and speech science.

## PLAN & PREPARE

At the U, we plan for our students to have an Exceptional Educational Experience identified by four broad categories we call the Learning Framework: Community, Knowledge & Skills, Transformation, and Impact. This major map will help you envision, explore, design, and plan your personalized Exceptional Educational Experience with the Learning Framework at the core. In addition to assisting you in planning your coursework and navigating the requirements of your major, this map will help you incorporate other kinds of experiences to expand your knowledge, support your development, and prepare you for the future you want.

## GET STARTED TODAY

-  Schedule an appointment with an advisor: [advising.utah.edu](https://advising.utah.edu)
-  Visit [ugs.utah.edu](https://ugs.utah.edu)
-  Learn more about the Learning Framework: [ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework](https://ugs.utah.edu/learning-framework)



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# CSD

## SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH



Community



Knowledge & Skills



Transformation



Impact

*"Getting my Bachelor of Science degree from The University of Utah in Speech and Hearing Science provided me with the foundational knowledge necessary to succeed in graduate school. As an undergraduate, I was privileged to learn from the expertise of internationally renowned professors. I received instruction based on the latest research and developed a passion for the field of speech-language pathology."*

*>> Amy Wilder*

*B.S., 2016, SLP Masters Student, University of Utah*

# SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCE

Use this map to explore, envision, design, and plan your Exceptional Educational Experience.

## GETTING STARTED

## MAKING PROGRESS

## FINISHING UP

## WHERE CAN I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

### COURSES

- Begin Gen Ed courses
- Complete CSD<sup>1</sup> 1010 – Intro to Communication Sciences & Disorders & CSD 2200 – Physics of Speech & Hearing
- Take CSD elective courses in areas that interest you

- Consider Gen Ed courses that complement the major like Psychology or Disability Studies
- Start working on CSD required core courses as ordered in sequence

- Meet with a CSD academic advisor to plan your schedule
- Generate a DARS<sup>2</sup> report & track your progress - maintain a 3.0 GPA in CSD courses to remain in the program

- Complete core courses
- Finish 25 hours of observation
- Prepare for grad school - ask for recommendation letters from professors & submit applications by Jan 15th

- ASL Interpreter
- Behavioral Therapist for Children with Autism
- Early Intervention Specialist

### COMMUNITY

- Familiarize yourself with campus, academic advising, & academic classes
- Meet people & get involved - explore clubs, organizations, & intramural sports at PlazaFest

- Attend your Student Activity Fair & consider joining a club that interests you
- Join the NSSLHA<sup>3</sup>

- Get to know other students - join or start a study group & get involved in department activities like research labs
- Gain experience in your field & give back to the community by joining U-Fit

- Seek a meaningful leadership position - serve as a leader for NSSLHA or another organization
- Join alumni groups to stay in touch

- English as a Second Language Specialist
- Family Advocate
- Healthcare Insurance Industry Worker
- Health Services Administrator

### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Explore campus resources to excel in courses:
- Learn online tools like CIS, ConexEd, & My Degree Dashboard
- Visit the library
- Meet with your advisor
- Research program requirements
- Attend major exploration events

- Declare your major & minor
- Check in with your advisor to make sure you're on track
- Identify opportunities to engage in research within CSD or UROP<sup>4</sup>

- Consider opportunities to expand your skillset
- Take a course outside your area like public speaking, Psychology, Special Ed, or American Sign Language

- Practice what you learned & share your knowledge - participate in an internship or complete a research project & attend conferences to share your research

- Hearing Instrument Specialist
- Hospice/Respite Care Provider
- Psychological Technician
- Rehabilitation Aide in a Hospital or Nursing Home

### TRANSFORMATION

- Connect with campus entities like ASUU<sup>5</sup>, Student Success Advocates, & the Student Life Center
- Use your Arts Pass to visit campus museums or attend a play
- Interview a professional in your field of interest

- Try activities outside the major at the Natural History Museum, Primary Children's Hospital, or Huntsman Cancer Institute
- Try a CEL<sup>6</sup> course offered through the department

- Visit the Bennion Center to explore volunteer opportunities
- Consider an Alternative Spring/Fall break
- Attend a Learning Abroad 101 session

- Complete course work in CSD
- If you've done research, consider presenting at the Undergraduate Research Symposium

- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
- or
- Doctorate in Audiology (AuD)
- Masters in Disability Studies

### IMPACT

- Participate in the Be Well Utah Fair
- Get involved with activities like Special Olympics or the U of U Reading Clinic
- Attend a MUSE Casual Friday
- Connect with a peer mentor through the U of U Mentoring Program

- Apply for leadership positions in clubs & organizations
- Visit your Career Coach & look into summer jobs in health professions

- Start or continue a volunteer project somewhere like Red Cross, local hospitals, nursing homes, U-Fit, speech & hearing clinics, or Connect2Health

- Guide new first year students as a Campus Life Mentor
- Work as a tutor
- Become an orientation leader
- Complete a service project

- Masters of Education / Special Education
- Masters in Gerontology
- Masters in Occupational Therapy
- Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling

### CAREER

- Take Focus2 or the StrengthsFinder assessments through the CPDC<sup>7</sup> to know yourself better
- Use O\*Net & Who Hires U of U Grads to research career options
- Meet with a Career Coach for guidance
- Learn more about the speech-language pathology & audiology professions at asha.org

- Explore & gain experience by completing informational interviews, shadowing, volunteering, or working in areas of interest
- Use career events (Career Fairs/Meet & Eats) & resources (Handshake/ AlumniFire) to get connected

- Develop back-up plans for your primary career goal
- Attend the Career Conference to workshop your resume & LinkedIn profiles as well as build references & contacts

- Meet with a Career Coach to refine your application materials for graduate schools or jobs
- Practice interviewing
- Practice salary negotiation

- Masters in Speech-Language Pathology
- Medical School