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.

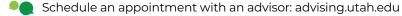
LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 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.

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"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





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

	GETTING STARTED	MAKING PROGRESS		FINISHING UP
COURSES	 Begin Gen Ed courses Complete CSD¹ 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 advisorto plan your schedule Generate a DARS² 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
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 NSSLHA³ 	 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
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 UROP⁴ 	 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
TRANSFORMATION	 Connect with campus entities like ASUU⁵, 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 CEL⁶ 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
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
CAREER	 Take Focus2 or the StrengthsFinder assessments through the CPDC⁷ 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

¹Communication Sciences and Disorders ²Degree Audit Reporting System ³National Student Speech Language Hearing Association ⁴Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program ⁵Associated Students of the U of U ⁶Community Engaged Learning ⁷Career & Professional Development Center

WHERE CAN I GO AFTER GRADUATION?

- ASL Interpreter
- Behavioral Therapist for Children with Autism
- Early Intervention Specialist
- English as a Second Language Specialist
- Family Advocate
- Healthcare Insurance Industry Worker
- Health Services Administrator
- Hearing Instrument
 Specialist
- Hospice/Respite Care
 Provider
- Psychological Technician
- Rehabilitation Aide in a Hospital or Nursing Home
- Speech-Language
 Pathology Assistant
- or
- Doctorate in Audiology (AuD)
- Masters in Disability Studies
- Masters of Education /
 Special Education
- Masters in Gerontology
- Masters in Occupational Therapy
- Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling
- Masters in Speech-Language Pathology
- Medical School