

**Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
The University of Utah**

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your recent inquiry requesting information on the undergraduate programs in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The undergraduate major in CSD is a preparatory degree representing pre-professional training for those students intending to pursue a Masters degree in either Speech Language Pathology or Audiology. You will find in this packet information on how to declare and remain in the major as well as the following general information:

1. List of courses offered. All undergraduate students may register for CSD courses numbered 1010 through 5540. Courses numbered 6000 and above are for graduate students only. If you do take a 6000 numbered class or above (with permission) you will usually receive undergraduate credit.
2. A graduation checklist. An official copy will be kept in your academic file after you declare the major. You are responsible for updating the copy in your file with your assigned advisor.
3. A suggested course sequence, covering requirements for the major.
4. An information sheet on the Department and the fields of Speech-Language-Pathology and Audiology.
5. A list of "Allied" course requirements.

DECLARING THE MAJOR:

The student must bring a copy of his/her DARS printout or complete transcript(s) into the Main Office (located at 1201 Behavioral Science Building) and fill out the necessary paperwork to declare the major. Transfer students must also bring a summary of transfer grades from the registrar's office. At that time, an undergraduate advisor is assigned to assist the student throughout the undergraduate program. Before declaring the major, all advising is handled through advisors in the University College. Advising on non-CSD classes are also accomplished through University College (Advising).

A student may declare Speech and Hearing Science as an undergraduate major after having 1) enrolled in CSD 1010 (previously CSD 3000) or, 2) completed a CSD course at another institution, or 3) completed 45 semester credits. Also, a student must have an overall 2.5 GPA in order to declare CSD as their major.

REMAINING IN THE MAJOR

A student must maintain a 2.5 overall academic GPA and **MUST** maintain a 3.0 average in the major field (CSD) in order to graduate. Higher GPAs are usually necessary for admission into the graduate program. Additionally, students must achieve at least a "C-" in all required and elective courses in the major. Each student who is a major must bring proof of grades within three weeks of the beginning of each semester. This proof may be in the form of a DARS printout showing the previous semester grades or a transcript. Failure to turn in proof of academic standing will automatically place a student on probation. Students who fall below the required GPA will be notified in writing and **PLACED ON PROBATION** for one semester. If, after probation, the student fails to raise his/her GPA to the acceptable level, notification will be sent that (s) he is being dropped from the program. A student may reapply for the major again once the GPA requirement is met. In addition to the preceding GPA requirements, students must complete 25 hours of clinical observation. These hours must be recorded in the student's file in the CSD office.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students from other Universities should meet with a departmental advisor to determine which courses **within the major** may transfer (i.e., serve to meet University of Utah CSD requirements). Students must bring a copy of their transcripts or DARS when meeting with an advisor to discuss transferring courses. Additionally, copies of course syllabi may be required to determine if courses can be accepted. After the advisor has determined the courses that he/she feels will likely satisfy departmental requirements, the Director of Undergraduate Studies or the Departmental Chair must confirm the acceptance of those courses. For courses outside of the major, the student's DARS will indicate which courses have transferred. Departmental advisors cannot make decisions about transferring non-major courses; questions about such courses should be directed to University College Advising (581-8146). Transfer students must satisfy all of the CSD requirements in order to receive a degree in the major. Please note that transfer students must take at least **FIVE** University of Utah CSD courses at the 4000 level or higher.

Again, we wish to thank you for your interest in our program and look forward to having you as a student at the University of Utah. You are welcome to check the University of Utah, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders home page on the Internet—the address is <http://www.health.utah.edu/cmdis/>.

For more information concerning the fields of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.asha.org> The American Speech-Language Hearing Association
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/> U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services, and activities to people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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