COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS, BA

Communicative Disorders students typically enjoy working with people and their families and are highly motivated to explore communication problems in depth. These individuals display excellent communication and interpersonal skills. They are highly motivated to complete the training necessary to become licensed professionals. They are creative problem solvers, sensitive to the needs of others, deal with multiple demands, pay close attention to detail, and work effectively in a team environment.

Admission into the Major

Students must have sophomore standing to enroll in any CD course. 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). Students who would like to declare Communicative Disorders as their major should contact the department.

Grade Point Average

A 2.0 GPA in the major is required for completion of the degree. Please see the Office of University Registrar explanation of grade point average calculations. A minimum of a 3.3 GPA overall and a 3.0 GPA in required CD courses must be obtained for clinical practicum opportunities. See the Admission to Clinical Practicum section below.

Prerequisites

Sophomore standing is required to enroll in any CD course. Completion of all 200-level CD courses (with the exception of CD 277 Preprofessional Lab Experience) is required for enrollment in 300- and 400-level CD courses. CD 447 Clinical Practicum I and CD 445 Audiology Lab Experience are by application only. Permission of the instructor is also required prior to enrollment in any CD 350 Independent Study or CD 360 Honors Independent Study course.

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. Our department has an ambassador program that upper level CD students may apply for.

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.

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**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. Science courses must include a lab.

**PY 101**  Intro To Psychology  3

Select one of the following biological science courses:  4
- BSC 108  Intro Biology Non Maj I
- BSC 109  Intro Biology Non Maj II
- BSC 114  Principles Of Biology I
- BSC 115  Laboratory Biology I
- BSC 116  Principles Biology II
- BSC 117  Biology II Laboratory
- BSC 118  Honors General Biology I
- BSC 120  Honors Gen Biology II

Select one of the following physical science courses:  4
- CH 100  General Chemistry I - Plus
- CH 101  General Chemistry
- CH 102  General Chemistry
- CH 104  Introductory Chemistry
- CH 105  Introductory Org Chem
- CH 117  Honors General Chemistry
- CH 118  Honors General Chemistry
- PH 101  General Physics I
- PH 102  General Physics II
- PH 105  General Physics W/Calc I
- PH 106  General Physics W/Calc II
- PH 115  Descriptive Physics for Non-Science Major
- PH 125  Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus
- PH 126  Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus II

Select one of the following statistics courses:  3
- BER 345  Educational Statistics
- PY 211  Elem Statistical Methods
- ST 260  Statistical Data Analysis
- CJ 381  Statistics

Credit Hours Subtotal:  48

**Total Hours**  48

**Electives**

Students may choose to take elective CD courses:

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

Required Minor
This major requires the completion of a minor.

Additional Major Requirements
Students are advised that the communicative disorders major 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 requirements. However, each student must meet with an adviser in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisers 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 447 Clinical Practicum I, CD 457 Clinical Practicum Honors or CD 445 Audiology Lab Experience.

Admission into Clinical Practicum
Admission requirements include the following:

- minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3
- completion and minimum 3.0 GPA in all of the following:

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- The electronic application is on our department website http://cd.ua.edu/

Types of Jobs Accepted
The undergraduate program is not the terminal degree for either the speech-language pathology or audiology professions. Our recent graduate students have accepted positions in local and national schools, hospitals, and skilled-nursing facilities.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center.

Faculty
Chair
Dr. Memorie Gosa

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Dr. JoAnne Payne

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Dr. Paul Reed
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Mrs. Candace Cook
Mrs. Claire January
Mrs. Sara Shirley
Mrs. DeLaine Stricklin