

SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES, BS

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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 SLH 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 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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's explanation of grade point average calculations. A minimum of a 3.3 GPA overall and a 3.0 GPA in required SLH 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 SLH course except for SLH 102 Disability & Society and SLH 103 Disability & Society Honors. Completion of all 200-level SLH courses (with the exception of SLH 277 Pre-professional Lab Experience) is required for enrollment in 300- and 400-level SLH courses. Students are strongly encouraged to take courses in a sequential series – 200 level courses before 300 level courses, and 300 level courses before 400 level courses.

- SLH 305 Language Development is a prerequisite for SLH 420 Pediatric Disorders
- SLH 352 Neurology for SLP is a prerequisite for SLH 440 Acquired Neurological Disorders
- SLH 430 Introduction to Adult Audiology is a prerequisite for SLH 460 Introduction to Pediatric Audiology

SLH 447 Clinical Practicum Speech, SLH 345 Introductory Audiology Lab Experience and SLH 445 Audiology Lab Experience are by application only. Permission of the instructor is also required prior to enrollment in any SLH 350 Independent Study or SLH 360 Independent Study Honors course.

Special Opportunities

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences provides students with 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 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. 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 SLH students may apply for.

Degree Requirements

Students earning the bachelor of science degree (BS) with a major in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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 hours.

Major Courses		Hours
SLH 225	Intro to SLHS	3
SLH 244	Phonetics	3
SLH 261	A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res	3
SLH 262	A&P Resp Phon Swallow	3
SLH 277	Preprof Lab Exp	1
SLH 305	Language Development	3
SLH 320	Hearing Science	3
SLH 330	Acoustics of Speech	3
SLH 352	Neurology for SLP	3
SLH 420	Pediatric Disorders	3
SLH 440	Neurological Disorders	3
SLH 430	Intro to Adult Audiology	3
SLH 460	Intro to Pediatric Audiology	3
Total Hours		37

Curriculum Sequence

SLH courses are meant to be taken in the sequence outlined below. Students are required to complete all SLH course-specific prerequisites (i.e., SLH 305 and SLH 320 before SLH 330 and SLH 352, etc.) before taking the next SLH courses in the sequence.

Sophomore 1

SLH 225 Intro to SLHS

SLH 261 A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res OR SLH 262 A&P Resp Phon Swallow

Sophomore 2

SLH 244 Phonetics

SLH 261 A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res OR SLH 262 A&P Resp Phon Swallow

SLH 277 Preprof Lab Exp

Junior 1

SLH 305 Language Development

SLH 320 Hearing Science

Junior 2

SLH 330 Acoustics of Speech

SLH 352 Neurology for SLP

Senior 1

SLH 420 Pediatric Disorders

SLH 430 Intro to Adult Audiology

Senior 2

SLH 440 Neurological Disorders

SLH 460 Intro to Pediatric Audiology

Ancillary Courses

Grades in ancillary courses are not computed into the major GPA. The major in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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.

Code and Title	Hours
MATH 125 or Calculus I	4
MATH 145 Honors Calculus I	
PY 101 or Intro To Psychology	3
PY 105 Honors Intro Psychology	

Select one of the following biological science courses:

Code and Title	Hours
BSC 108 Intro Biology Non Maj I	4
BSC 109 Intro Biology Non Maj II	4
BSC 114 Principles Of Biology I	3
BSC 115 Laboratory Biology I	1
BSC 116 Principles Of Biology II	3
BSC 117 Laboratory Biology II	1
BSC 118 Honors Principles of Biology I	4
BSC 120 Honors Prin Biology II	4

Select one of the following physical science courses:

Code and Title	Hours
CH 101 General Chemistry	4
CH 102 General Chemistry	4
CH 104 Introductory Chemistry	4
CH 105 Introductory Org Chem	4
CH 117 Honors General Chemistry	4
CH 118 Honors General Chemistry	4
PH 101 General Physics I	4
PH 102 General Physics II	4
PH 105 General Physics W/Calc I	4
PH 106 General Physics W/Calc II	4
PH 115 Des Ph Non-Science Maj	4
PH 125 Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus	4
PH 126 Honors Gen Ph W/Calculus II	4

Select one of the following statistics courses:

Code and Title	Hours
PY 211 Elem Statistical Methods	3
ST 260 Statistical Data Analysis	3
CJ 381 Statistics	3
BER 345 Educational Statistics	3

Electives

Students may choose to take elective SLH courses:

Elective Courses	Hours
SLH 102 Disability & Society	3
SLH 103 Disability & Society Honors	3
SLH 306 Language Development Honors	3
SLH 345 Intro Audio Lab Exp	1
SLH 350 Independent Study	1 to 3
SLH 360 Independent Study Honors	1 to 3
SLH 370 Global Clinical Perspectives	3
SLH 380 Global Clinical Persp Honors	3
SLH 375 Prep School-Based SLP Practice	3
SLH 400 Research Exp SLHS	3
SLH 402 Psychology of Language	3
SLH 414 Comm in Autistic Individuals	3
SLH 425 Applied Research in SLHS	3
SLH 445 Audiology Lab Experience	3
SLH 447 Clinical Practicum Speech	3
SLH 449 Sociolinguistics in SLP	3
SLH 450 Junior/Senior Seminar in SLHS	3
SLH 457 Clinical Practicum Honors	3
SLH 472 Voice & Swallowing	3

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 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 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 advisor in the major department for academic planning and to be approved for registration each semester. College advisors are also available for additional assistance with minor, College and University requirements.

Students majoring in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences who wish to participate in clinical practicum or audiology practicum must apply for admission into SLH 447 Clinical Practicum Speech, SLH 457 Clinical Practicum Honors, SLH 345 Intro Audio Lab Exp, or SLH 445 Audiology Lab Experience.

Admission into Clinical Practicum

Clinical Practicum: SLH 447 Clinical Practicum Speech and SLH 457 Clinical Practicum Honors admission requirements include the following:

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

Code and Title	Hours
SLH 225 Intro to SLHS	3
SLH 244 Phonetics	3
SLH 261 A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res	3
SLH 262 A&P Resp Phon Swallow	3
SLH 277 Preprof Lab Exp	1
SLH 305 Language Development	3
SLH 420 Pediatric Disorders	3

- SLH 420 Pediatric Disorders may be taken concurrently
- The electronic application is on our department website <https://slhs.ua.edu/resources/>

Clinical Practicum SLH 345 Intro Audio Lab Exp requirements include the following:

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

Code and Title	Hours
SLH 225 Intro to SLHS	3
SLH 244 Phonetics	3
SLH 261 A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res	3
SLH 262 A&P Resp Phon Swallow	3
SLH 277 Preprof Lab Exp	1
SLH 320 Hearing Science	3

- SLH 320 Hearing Science may be taken concurrently
- The electronic application is on our department website <https://slhs.ua.edu/resources/>

Clinical Practicum SLH 445 Audiology Lab Experience requirements include the following:

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

Code and Title	Hours
SLH 225 Intro to SLHS	3
SLH 244 Phonetics	3
SLH 261 A&P Nerv Aud Artic Res	3
SLH 262 A&P Resp Phon Swallow	3
SLH 277 Preprof Lab Exp	1
SLH 320 Hearing Science	3
SLH 430 Intro to Adult Audiology	3

- SLH 430 Intro to Adult Audiology may be completed concurrently
- The electronic application is on our department website <https://slhs.ua.edu/resources/>

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 or by contacting the department.

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