

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Bachelor of Arts Degree

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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (including biology)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language
 (same language or two years of
 American Sign Language)
- Academic electives (to equal at
 least 17 credits)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture

Program Description

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) offers the only academic major in speech-language pathology in Maine. The undergraduate program in CSD provides the background for students to apply for master's study in either speech-language pathology or audiology. It also equips majors to pursue careers or graduate study in a variety of fields, including education, business and health care. The master's degree program is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Speech-language pathologists are required to have a graduate degree from an ASHA-accredited program to practice and may work in a variety of educational and health care settings.

The tri-part research, teaching and service mission of CSD focuses on educating future speech-language pathologists, the majority of whom choose to stay in Maine to practice. Our employment rates are consistently 100 percent. A major component of the department's service mission is our on-site clinical facility, the Madelyn E. and Albert D. Conley Speech, Language and Hearing Center. Within this venue and the department's outreach programs, CSD faculty and students assess and treat speech, language and hearing disorders of people in the community, state, nationally and internationally.

Specialized Information

The Communication Sciences and Disorders Department is equipped with an undergraduate resource room. Students participate in a poster presentation session during the senior year. They are also invited to participate in the Maine Speech Language Hearing Association annual conference and other service activities (e.g., Maine Special Olympics).

Students also are encouraged to participate in faculty research programs and to work in labs doing a variety of activities, including data collection and analysis. They also are involved in co-presenting research at conferences.

We have a very active student organization in our department. In the UMaine chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association, students participate in many activities that are related to working with people with disabilities.

Career and Graduate Opportunities

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Representative Courses

CSD 130 Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders
CSD 300 Clinical Observation in Speech-Language Pathology
CSD 301 Introduction to Clinical Audiology
CSD 380 Early Language Development
CSD 381 Later Language Development

CSD 383 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism
CSD 481 Phonological Development and Phonetics
CSD 484 Introduction to Speech Science
CSD 487 Disorders of Speech and Language
CSD 490 Senior Capstone: The Clinical Process I
CSD 491 Senior Capstone: The Clinical Process II

UMaine Graduate Programs

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About UMaine

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