UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

BACHELOR’S OF SCIENCE OR BACHELOR’S OF ARTS

Students who major in communication sciences and disorders study speech-language pathology, audiology, and the normal aspects of speech, hearing, and language. In addition, we offer labs for training and research in speech, language, and hearing science as well as speech, language, and hearing disorders. Our programs in both audiology and speech-language pathology are accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

For a full description of the major, required courses, elective courses, honors, study abroad, research, and other opportunities, please visit the website: https://csd.wisc.edu/undergraduate.htm

There are two paths to the major that have somewhat different requirements, detailed on the website:

- **College of Letters & Science** leads to the B.A. or B.S. degree.
- **School of Education** leads to the B.S. degree.

What kinds of classes are associated with this major? Courses in this exciting undergraduate major integrate aspects of anatomy, physiology, biology, neuroscience, human development, speech and language development, linguistics, hearing development, acoustics, physics, psychology, conditions and disorders that affect communication, special education, research methods, counseling, statistics, diagnostics, and intervention to provide a comprehensive education regarding communication sciences and disorders.

What kinds of skills would I acquire? This major program of study intends to provide students with foundational skills in written and oral communication, critical thinking, problem solving, organization, teamwork, and time management. These skills are key to success in any work environment.

What kind of job can I get after graduation? A vast majority of our students go on to obtain a clinical Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology and work as speech language pathologists or a Doctorate in Audiology (AuD) and work as audiologists. Both of these careers are among the highest ranked in terms of job satisfaction. Others take another step and go on to earn a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in order to conduct research and teach.
What if I want to work after undergrad instead of going to graduate school?
An undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders offers a wide range of employment opportunities including but not limited to: education settings (audiology or speech therapy assistant), classroom assistant, medical settings (patient advocate, rehabilitation aid, hospital unit coordinator), corporate (medical sales, support staff, marketing-there are numerous companies dedicated to this field), or non-profit organizations. We consider this degree an excellent foundation for many careers, as the skills and knowledge obtained are applicable to diverse needs in the workforce.

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CS&D advising services are to be focused on students who need to declare the major or who have already declared CS&D and need advising in the major.
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For further information about undergraduate advising, please go to our website:

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Advising days, times and rooms will be posted and updated on the website regularly.