



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION
SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Undergraduate Handbook

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Wayne State University

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We hope this handbook will be useful to new students. It provides the essential framework for the undergraduate student in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The faculty is eager to work with each student to develop an educational plan satisfying the student's personal needs as well as department, university and professional requirements.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), and is located on the 1st floor of the Prentis Building. The chairperson is Dr. Jinsheng Zhang, Ph.D.

Degree Programs:

CSD offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The bachelor's degree is a pre professional degree for individuals who wish to obtain a graduate degree in either Audiology OR Speech-Language Pathology. CSD undergraduate students who decides not to pursue an advanced degree in SLP or AUD, may also pursue related career paths such as: Speech Therapy Assistant, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Technician, Hearing Aid Specialist, Teacher Assistant, Volunteer Coordinator, Laboratory Assistant or Manager & Respite Worker.

A master's degree in speech-language pathology is required for clinical certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). A doctoral degree is required for certification in Audiology. CSD is accredited by the Council of Academic Affairs (CAA) Board of ASHA. This means that the department meets the academic and clinical requirements for ASHA certification.

Teaching certification is no longer required by the State of Michigan for speech-language pathologists working in public schools. This change in state law has been in effect for a number of years. Most area school districts hire speech-language pathologists without teacher certification. There has been a significant reduction in the number of CSD majors pursuing teacher certification due to the change in the State of Michigan Law. The B.S. in Education degree with a major in Speech-Language Pathology has been phased out.

Information for prospective and current students as well as information regarding graduate degree programs may be obtained through the department website (<http://www.clas.wayne.edu/csd/>).

General Information

Class Schedules and Registering for Courses:

Classes are scheduled for fall, winter, and spring/summer semesters and can be referenced through the University website. Audiology courses will be listed under "AUD" and speech-language pathology courses under "SLP." Changes in course times, rooms, instructors etc. will be posted on the University website. You may register by web or phone, but website registration is recommended. The university will issue a "Personal Identification Number" (PIN) which is needed for either type of registration. You will also need to know your WSU AccessID and password to use the web. If you need help with your AccessID-password, contact the Computing and Information Technology (CIT) Help Desk at (313) 577-4778 or email helpdesk@wayne.edu. Prepare to register on the web at <http://www.classschedule.wayne.edu> and then register through the campus academia at: <https://academica.aws.wayne.edu/>. Students registering by phone should call (313) 577-EASY (3279). Your access ID and initial password will be printed on your OneCard. You should first login to the WSU Academia to activate your account **before** attempting to contact the Help Desk—this will save you time!

Some undergraduate courses may have enrollment limits. Occasionally, you may encounter "closed" sections due to over enrollment. If you experience a problem registering for a course in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program, please contact your department advisor. "Holds" are released by the department that placed the hold and you need to contact that department directly. For example, a financial hold cannot be released by the CSD Department. Most undergraduate courses range in size from 50-80 students per course, although higher and lower enrollments occur occasionally. Enrollments in spring/summer semester courses tend to be lower. Please be aware that most CSD courses are single section courses. Course work in the undergraduate major may be initiated in the Fall, Winter, or Spring/Summer Semesters, although specific course offerings vary by semester. Courses are offered at WSU's main campus as well as the Macomb Educational Center (MEDC).

All undergraduate students will have a CSD department advisor. The CSD Advisor can answer questions regarding general education requirements and assist you with the "Declaration of Major" process once you begin courses at WSU. The undergraduate advisor for CSD students. Undergraduate advising appointments for current WSU students are scheduled online.

You may access the online appointment page via the online website: <https://advisingworks.wayne.edu> or you can contact our Undergraduate Advisor directly at 313-577-8804. Prospective students seeking advising may contact the department's main office by calling (313)577-3339 for assistance scheduling an appointment. Individual appointments are available most weeks of the semester during the Fall and Winter Semesters. Spring/Summer Semester advising is also available, but there may not be appointments each week. It is recommended that you obtain advising at least once or twice yearly during your undergraduate degree program. **You should begin planning for graduate school enrollment during your junior year of undergraduate study.**

Record Keeping:

All undergraduate students have an Academic file in the CSD Department. The file will contain information pertaining to University forms, Appeal Forms (Course waivers, residency exceptions etc.), Curriculum Guides for degree, Transcripts, Transfer Credit Evaluations, Clinical Rating forms, and Clock Hour Forms. This file will continue for those students continuing in a graduate degree program in the CSD Department or be placed in an "Inactive" status for students attending other graduate programs. Students should keep copies of all University, Department, and ASHA Certification Forms. This is especially true of forms you will need for your application for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). You will apply for the CCC **AFTER** you have completed your graduate degree in either audiology or speech-language pathology. Records of both Observation Hours and Clinical Clock Hours are necessary for the ASHA CCC. WSU graduate students may obtain these forms from their academic file and undergraduates may obtain these forms from Mrs. Faith Doyle, please files will be discarded after a few semesters upon students completing program.

Grading Practices: Students may view their Transcripts and Final Grades via the Wayne State Academia:

<https://academica.aws.wayne.edu/>. Undergraduate grading is on a 4.0 scale with "+/-" grading for final grades. Grades of Incomplete, "I" must be completed within one academic year or the "I" grade will convert to the grade of "F" (failure). The grade of "Y" (In progress) is given in certain courses, such as directed studies. A number of grading changes were implemented in Fall 2020. Please consult the appropriate University Policy on Undergraduate Grades or speak to an advisor. **Students may not repeat a course in the major more than once.** The office staff may return papers, exams etc. to students when requested to do so by individual faculty members. Not all faculty members return examinations to students outside of class time, and this is particularly true of final examinations. Please speak with course instructors individually if you have questions on this policy.

Where final grades influence graduate standing, and/or permission to enroll for courses the following semester, please see the assigned undergraduate advisor, Mrs. Faith Doyle. All grading practices confirm to University policies.

Clinical Programs:

Clinical experience is obtained in SLP 5360-Clinical Practice in Speech Pathology. This course serves as the "Writing Intensive" (WI) course in the major as required by the University General Education Requirements. SLP 5360 also meets the "Computer Proficiency-II (CP-II) general education requirement. Undergraduate students should enroll in this course in their senior year.

Please note that enrollment in SLP 5360 requires a minimum grade of a "B" for prerequisite courses. Please review the Undergraduate University Bulletin course description for these grade requirements. Students are required to complete SLP 5310 (Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology), SLP 6460 (Language and Phonological Disorders), and SLP 6480 (Introduction to Neurogenic Communication Disorders) prior to enrolling in SLP 5360. A total of 25 hours of observation time is required toward ASHA certification. Students complete these observations via on and off site observations as well as video tape observations in the major courses. Students enrolled in SLP 5360 will obtain their Clinical Clock Hours in the Wayne State University Speech-Language Center located on the 1st floor of the Rackham Memorial Building. Clinical faculty of the department will supervise students. Extensive on and off site clinical experiences are obtained at the graduate level by both audiology and speech-language pathology students.

Facilities:

CSD facilities include academic offices, the Wayne State University Speech and Language Center, numerous research laboratories, a technology resource center (TRC), and specialized audiology training laboratories. All clinical and laboratory space is now housed in the Rackham Memorial Building with the exception of an audiology laboratory located on the Medical School Campus. Prentis research labs include, an Aphasia and Neurocognitive Disorders laboratory, an Auditory Prosthesis laboratory, a Hearing Science laboratory, a Stuttering Research laboratory, and a Genetics of Speech and Language Disorders laboratory. The Speech-Language Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Rands House Annex and is the location for the undergraduate clinical practicum (SLP 5360). The main office for the department is in room 103 Prentis Building. Faculty offices are located in the Rands House and in the Prentis Building. Classes are taught at the main campus, with most held in Old Main, State Hall, or Science Hall, and at the Wayne State University Educational Center in Macomb, Michigan.

Academic Support Resources:

The University provides support for students through the Academic Success Center (ASC). The ASC is located in the Adamany Undergraduate Library (Room 1600). The Center offers academic support and has been especially helpful for students encountering writing difficulty. ASC staff also offer workshops for the Math Proficiency Exam and the Graduate Record Exam. If you are experiencing difficulty with coursework in CSD, you should speak directly with the course instructor. If academic problems persist in the major area, please consult with your departmental undergraduate advisor, Ms. Faith Doyle concerning appropriate support services and academic planning.

Academic Dishonesty

For policies on academic dishonesty, please refer to the Dean of Students website (<http://www.doso.wayne.edu>). A student conduct services link can be found on the Dean of Students website. Here you can access materials such as the student code of conduct, academic misbehavior flowchart, non-academic misbehavior flowchart, student code of conduct brochure and the role of the Ombudsperson. An academic integrity (plagiarism and cheating) link (<https://doso.wayne.edu/conduct/academic-misconduct>) (<https://doso.wayne.edu/conduct/student>) can also be found on the Dean of Students website. This link helps a student define cheating as "...intentionally using or attempting to use, or intentionally providing or attempting to provide, unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise." This link helps a student define plagiarism as "to take and use another's words or ideas as one's own." The Student Code of Conduct can be downloaded from (<https://doso.wayne.edu/conduct/student>). Definitions for academic misbehavior, cheating, plagiarism, etc. are also provided there (p. 2).

Due Process:

The Student Due Process Policy outlines expected levels of conduct that relate to, but are not limited to academic dishonesty, disorderly behavior, damage of property, illegal drugs, etc. The University Judicial Officer monitors the disciplinary procedures involving discipline. Students may also visit the website: <https://doso.wayne.edu/pdf/student-code-of-conduct.pdf> for more information.

Student Disability Services:

The University provides student disability services. Refer to university policies stated in:
2020-2021 Undergraduate Bulletin: <https://bulletins.wayne.edu/undergraduate/general-information/success-programs/>

The office of Student Disability Services is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library. The contact information is:
Phone: (313) 577-1851; email: studentdisability@wayne.edu; website: www.studentdisability.wayne.edu

Degree information**Bachelor of Arts Degree****Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders****College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

The B.A. degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders is offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students applying to Wayne State University should apply to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and list their major as Communication Sciences and Disorders.

The Communication Science and Disorders (CSD) program has temporarily suspended the current CSD GPA policy, which states: CSD-BA and Post Bachelor program students must have and maintain an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in the CSD major courses (specifically to register for the CSD Advanced courses).

****NOTE: The suspension will remain in effect for 2 academic years (Fall 2020-Spring/Summer 2022). At the end of the Spring/Summer 2022 term, the GPA policy will be revisited and revised as needed.**

The temporary GPA policy is as follows:

CSD-BA and Post Bachelor program students must have an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.0, and a minimum 2.0 GPA for all CSD major courses.

Students are required to meet with a CSD advisor to confirm grade requirements have been met in foundation coursework and obtain appropriate signatures. This degree requires a minimum of 120 credits for graduation and students must meet University and CLAS General Education Requirements. The 120 credit hours are achieved by enrolling in General Education courses, major courses and courses taken for elective credit. Students pursuing the B.A. degree should complete the "Declaration of Major" as early as possible during their undergraduate program, but after completing the foundation courses and meeting minimum grade requirements as mentioned above. Students are advised to make an Advising appointment to discuss the major and steps on declaring the major, if not done previously. The CSD Advisor will review your transcript and complete paperwork outlining all non-major degree requirements. You must maintain a minimum grade point average of a C (2.0) in the major area to be eligible for graduation from the CLAS. You must apply to graduate through an online application managed by the Registrar's Office. Please consult the Schedule of Classes for deadlines regarding the graduation application date for each semester.

Major Requirements:

The following courses are required for the B.A. degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders: AUD 5400 and 5420, SLP 5300, 5080, 5090, 5320, 5120, 5310, 6460, 6480, and 5360. **Students must get permission from a course instructor to record lectures in any form.**

STA 1020 (statistics) is also **required** for admission to the WSU Graduate programs in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology. Additional non-major requirements for eventual clinical certification include the following non-major courses or an equivalent course: 1 life science course (i.e. biology), 1 physical science course (i.e. physics or chemistry), 1 behavioral science course (i.e. psychology), and 2 Social Science courses (i.e. Sociology or Anthropology). Ideally, many of these courses may also fulfill general education requirements for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Graduate School Information (Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology)

Expected Standards for Graduate School Admission

Students should maintain a **minimum** of a "B" (3.0) average for their overall grade point during the undergraduate program. The grade point average in the major is often higher than this minimum requirement. Students should refer to the "Undergraduate University Bulletin" for specific undergraduate courses with grade point requirements. **Students earning a "C" in SLP 5360 will not be recommended for graduate admission to the Wayne State University graduate program.** Entry to graduate programs has become increasingly competitive in recent years and students should be prepared to apply to a number of graduate programs.

Applying to Graduate School

Undergraduate students will apply to either an audiology or a speech-language pathology program for graduate study for the corresponding professional degree. The fields of audiology and speech-language pathology diverge at the graduate level. Students interested in audiology will apply for the AuD. program (Doctor of Audiology), which is a 4 year degree (including the Clinical Fellowship Year). Students interested in speech-language pathology will apply for the Master of Arts program in speech-language pathology, which is a two year degree program and does not include the Clinical Fellowship Year. Students are definitely encouraged to apply to one of these programs at Wayne State University. It is recommended that most students apply to at least 2-3 other programs to enhance their chances for admission and possible financial support of graduate study. Interested students will need to obtain graduate application packets from the schools/departments with whom they plan to seek admission. The CSD Department at WSU posts information pertaining to graduate school application procedures on the department website (<http://www.clas.wayne.edu/csd/>).

The Wayne State University graduate programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology admit students **only** in the Fall semester. The admission requirements are a minimum GPA of a 3.0, the Graduate Record Exam, i.e. GRE (general test only),

three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. All graduate applications to CSD programs are completed online. The CSD Department at WSU offers at least one Graduate School Information Session during the Fall Semester. Please contact the Department for the specific date.

Beyond Graduate School

There are several final requirements for clinical certification beyond the graduate degree. The National Exam in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is required (i.e. PRAXIS exam). This is a standardized examination administered throughout the United States and is a requirement for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology. Information regarding certification through ASHA and the CCC is available on the ASHA website under the certification tab. www.asha.org The graduate handbook for CSD outlines all these requirements in detail.

For speech-language pathology, your first position after graduate school will entail a "Clinical Fellowship Year" (CFY) during which time you are supervised by a speech-language pathologist who holds the CCC. All speech-language pathologists working in the State of Michigan are required to hold the appropriate level of state licensure.

For audiology, the final year of your AuD program will entail a Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) during which time you will be supervised by an audiologist who holds the CCC. The State of Michigan requires licensure for Audiologists to practice in the state.

Student Organizations

Undergraduate as well as graduate students are encouraged to join the Wayne State Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSSLHA), which is affiliated with the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA). NSSLHA is a division of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA), which is the national organization that grants the CCC. Student members do receive discounts through ASHA. WSSLHA sponsors educational, social, and service projects throughout the year.

MSHA stands for the Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association, which is based in East Lansing, Michigan. This is a state association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists and there is a reduced membership fee for student members. MSHA sponsors a March meeting offering continuing education to student and full members.

ASHA stands for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, which is based in Rockville, Maryland and is the national governing body for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. ASHA is the agency that grants the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). The CCC is the only national form of certification currently available for audiologists and speech-language pathologists. You may apply to be a student member of ASHA when you apply for WSSLHA membership. ASHA sponsors a national convention each November and students may attend at reduced fees.

Audiology students may also join the American Academy of Audiology (AAA). Please obtain information on this organization from one of the Audiology faculty.

Faculty, Staff and Office Information

Office: 103 Prentis Building
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Website: www.clas.wayne.edu/csd/
Chairperson: Jinsheng Zhang, Ph.D.
Graduate Officer: Derek Daniels, Ph.D.
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Undergraduate Advisor: Faith Doyle, M.A.
SLP Clinical Coordinator: Karen S. O'Leary, M.A.
Director of the Speech-Language Center: Karen S. O'Leary, M.A.
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