Speech and Hearing Science, BS

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The BS/MS accelerated option for this program is not currently available to ASU Online students.

The majority of our graduates gain acceptance into Doctor of Audiology and Master of Science in communication disorders programs. Graduates typically work with a variety of populations, including people on the autism spectrum; bilingual language learners; those experiencing hearing impairment, delayed or disordered speech and language, stuttering; or patients recovering from strokes or with degenerative or neurological disease

Program Description

Students in the BS program in speech and hearing science study the normal aspects of the communication process. Emphasis is placed on the human communication system, including anatomy and physiology of the hearing and speech mechanisms; speech, language and hearing science; and normal development of speech and language production and perception. Upper division coursework introduces disorders of speech, language and hearing.

Students attain broad-based knowledge in the basic aspects of speech, language and hearing sciences, which prepares them for graduate study in audiology or speech-language pathology, or potential employment opportunities in related health and behavioral fields.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Health Solutions
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra
• **Math Intensity:** Moderate

### Required Courses (Major Map)

- 2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
- 2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
- Major Map (Archives)

### Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Auditory and Language Neuroscience, MS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

### Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

- Freshman
- Transfer
- International
- Readmission

### Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

### Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu).

### Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](https://mypath2asu.asu.edu) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.
ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain a global perspective and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Health Solutions recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in speech and hearing science: https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/chs/speech-hearing-science.

Career Opportunities

Positions in speech-language pathology and audiology are in high demand, rated as careers with bright outlooks by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network. Employment opportunities for program graduates may include positions as:

- audiology assistants
- hearing aid or cochlear implant company representatives
- research assistants or associates in behavioral disciplines
- speech-language pathology assistants
- support personnel in rehabilitation or health facilities

Many graduates of speech and hearing sciences gain entrance into a graduate-level program in speech-language pathology or audiology. In both fields, a graduate degree is required for employment.

The undergraduate degree in speech and hearing science is also excellent preparation for those who wish to enter professional or graduate programs in fields such as:

- counseling
- education
- medicine
- rehabilitation
- social work
- special education
- teaching for the deaf
Graduates of speech-language pathology and audiology can work with children or adults with communication disorders in a variety of settings, including:

- clinics
- hospitals
- private practice
- schools, all levels of preschool through secondary

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.8%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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