Speech and Hearing Science, Minor

Careers in speech-language pathology and audiology are in high demand, rated by the U.S. Department of Labor as having a bright outlook. After completing the minor, you may apply to the speech-language pathology assistant certificate program and complete most of the required coursework for graduate programs in the field.

Description

The undergraduate minor in speech and hearing science is an academic program with emphasis on normal aspects of speech, language and hearing. The focus is on how motor, cognitive and sensory systems interact with and influence hearing, speech and language in children and adults.

A minor in speech and hearing science can provide a broadened background for related careers such as medicine, education and neuroscience.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Health Solutions
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The minor in speech and hearing science consists of 24 credit hours, and though the following classes are required, students are strongly encouraged to meet with a Speech and Hearing Science academic advisor.

Required Courses -- 15 credit hours
SHS 205: Exploring Communication Disorders in Children and Adults (3)
SHS 250: Introduction to Phonetics (3)
SHS 310: Anatomical and Physiological Bases of Speech (3)
SHS 311: Hearing Science (3)
SHS 367: Language Science (SB) or SHS 375: Speech Science (3)

Upper Division Electives -- 9 credit hours

SHS 401: Principles of Audiology (3)
SHS 402: Clinical Methods and Treatment of Communication Disorders (3)
SHS 465: Speech and Language Acquisition (SB) (3)
SHS 470: Developmental Speech and Language Disorders (3)
SHS 485: Acquired Speech and Language Disorders (3)
SHS 496: Aural Rehabilitation (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BS in speech and hearing science

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

Career Opportunities

Graduates with a minor in speech and hearing science as complement to their major are prepared for application to most graduate programs in speech-language pathology, communication disorders or audiology.

Contact Information