

UNDERGRADUATE

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

School of Education, Health and Human Behavior
Department of Applied Health

SIUE



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Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at SIUE

Undergraduate courses in speech-language pathology and audiology provide students with a scientific background for understanding communication disorders. At SIUE, students acquire knowledge in:

- Speech and hearing science
- Normal processes
- Development of speech, language and hearing
- Disorders of speech, language and hearing
- Assessment methods and procedures in communication disorders

The field of speech-language pathology and audiology is broad, and there are many opportunities to further support and expand student experiences. At SIUE, students are encouraged to pursue minors and take elective courses that will establish a strong science and liberal arts background, which provides a competitive edge in graduate school and in the workforce. Complementary minors include:

- Psychology
- Linguistics
- Foreign language
- Health science
- And others

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Bachelor of Science, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Leveling Plan

Students who already have a bachelor's degree in a different field can complete selected coursework to prepare them to apply to graduate school in speech-language pathology or audiology. Students have the option of completing the coursework in one or two

years. Completion of the leveling option provides students with the prerequisites necessary to apply for graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology, but does not result in a second bachelor's degree.

What can I do with a degree in speech-language pathology and audiology?

With a projected growth rate of 19% through 2022, **certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists are in high demand** and are employed in a variety of settings:

- Hospitals
- Community clinics
- Schools
- Private practice
- Colleges and universities
- State and federal agencies
- Rehabilitation centers
- Nursing homes

Many of our students choose to continue their education and pursue a graduate degree in speech-language pathology and audiology, which leads to certification and the opportunity to practice as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

Students graduating with an undergraduate degree will be prepared for careers in:

- Private business and industry
 - Augmentative and alternative communication sales

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I 3 ACS 101 Public Speaking 3 PSYC 111 Foundations of Psychology (BSS) 3 Breadth Life Science (BLS) with a lab (EL) (BIOL 111 recommended) 3-4 STAT 107 Concepts of Statistics (BICS, PS) 3 FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE 1 Total Credits 16-17	ENG 102 English Composition II 3 SPPA 101 Human Comm & Its Disorders 3 QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher 3 Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA) 3 PHYS or CHEM (BPS) (EL recommended) 3-4 Total Credits 15-16
Year 2	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation 3 Breadth Humanities (BHUM) 3 EH/EGC (NUTR 210 recommended) 3 SPPA 210 Fundamentals of Language Analysis 3 SPPA 220 Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech & Hearing Mechanisms 3 Total Credits 15	SPPA 321 Hearing Sciences 3 SPPA 397 Neuroanatomy and Physiology 3 PSYC 201 Child Psychology (BSS)(recommended) 3 Life, Physical or Social Science (EL if not previously completed with BPS) 3 EUSC (ENG 207 recommended) 3 Total Credits 15
Year 3	SPPA 231 Phonetics 3 SPPA 361 Basic Audiometry 3 Life, Physical or Social Science 3 Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	SPPA 250 Cultural Diversity in SLP/A 3 SPPA 312 Normal Lang & Speech Acquisition 3 SPPA 322 Speech Science 3 Life, Physical or Social Science (EL if not previously completed with BLS) 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15
Year 4	SPPA 441 Speech Sound Disorders in Children 3 SPPA 442 Intro to Voice, Fluency and Motor Speech Disorders 3 SPPA 446 Clinical Procedures in Communication Disorders 3 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 15	SPPA 444 Language Disorders 3 SPPA 471 Aural Rehabilitation 3 SPPA 499 Senior Assignment 2 Elective 3 Elective 3 Total Credits 14
		Total Hours 120

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bold** course requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If minor requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

- Assistive technology
- Medical sales
- Medical publications
- Research
- Hearing aid dispensing

Graduates may also be eligible to apply to graduate programs such as applied behavior, higher education and student affairs or social work.

Admission Requirements

To declare as a major, students must:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Earn a grade of B or better in SPPA 101
- Have successfully completed any required academic development coursework

Direct Entry

High school students may be directly admitted into the speech-language pathology program. For direct entry consideration, students should select Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology as their intended major on the undergraduate admission application.

Students must meet the following minimum criteria for

consideration: Minimum cumulative 3.5 high school GPA (4.0 scale) or a minimum cumulative 3.25 high school GPA (4.0 scale) and 122 SAT ERW + M (25 ACT).

Graduation Requirements

Students must achieve a C or better in all major coursework (B or higher in SPPA 101) including 12 hours in related areas of social/behavioral sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences (PHYS 111 or chemistry), statistics, and maintain a 2.75 GPA. In addition to meeting all program requirements, students must also satisfactorily complete a culminating project in SPPA 499, senior assignment seminar. Second-degree students within the program must also register for SPPA 499.

Students who serve as Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Associates, with faculty approval, may use their research project to satisfy exit requirements in the senior assignment.

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