

Suggested Curricula—Family and Youth Studies

First year	Hrs.	Second year	Hrs.
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102.....	3
MATH 121 or 124	3	SOCA 105.....	3
F&CS 101 (F)	1	PSYC 101.....	3
SOCA 101	3	CS 101	4
COMM 100 & 102.....	3	HN&F 171.....	3
BIOL 101 & 103.....	4	F&CS 265.....	3
CDFS 110, 112.....	6	CDFS 210, 211.....	6
Courses to fill		Courses to fill	
Obj. 3, 5, 8, or 9	9	Remaining Obj.	9
Total	32	Total	34

Third year	Hrs.	Fourth year	Hrs.
EDUC 200	3	F&CS 460.....	3
F&CS 381.....	3	CDFS 412, 413, 415.....	9
CDFS 212.....	3	CDFS 320 (F), 321 (Spr).....	6
CHPR 172	2	F&CS 491 (F).....	3
SOWK 105.....	3	F&CS 491 (Spr).....	3
MDS 122 (F).....	3	Electives.....	7
MDS 212.....	3	Total	31
SOCA 221 (Spr)	3		
Electives	8		
Total	31		

Key: F = Fall Spr = Spring Obj. = GEC Objective

Speech Pathology and Audiology

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Program Objectives

The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology is committed to the preparation of students interested in graduate study and eventual careers in speech-language pathology or audiology. The pre-professional undergraduate program emphasizes education in the following: GEC; basic speech and hearing sciences; anatomy and physiology of the speech and hearing system; normal development and behavior in speech, hearing, and language; awareness of cultural diversity and its relationship to communication; and an introduction to communicative disorders.

Career Prospects

The professions of speech-language pathology and audiology are exciting fields wherein professionals provide services to individuals with communication disorders. The demand for certified practitioners is continually increasing; consequently, job prospects remain very good. The pre-professional undergraduate program and graduate study in either speech-language pathology or audiology enable graduates to seek employment in a variety of settings. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are employed in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, community clinics, physicians' offices, and private practice.

Pre-Speech Pathology and Audiology Admission

Normally, students are first admitted to the pre-SPA program of study and matriculate as such during the freshman and sophomore years. Pre-SPA students are assigned an advisor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

To qualify for admission, incoming freshmen must present an overall high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, 1050 or higher on the SAT, or 23 on the ACT.

Students who transfer into pre-SPA during the freshman or sophomore year from either another major at WVU or from another university must present a grade point average of 2.75 for all undergraduate coursework taken prior to the time of transfer.

Requirements

Students are considered pre-SPA until they have met the requirements specified below and have applied and been accepted into the SPA degree program.

1. Completion of at least 58 academic hours. Specific requirements include partial completion of the General Education Curriculum (GEC), and others as listed below:
 - a. Objective 1: ENGL 101 and 102.
 - b. Objective 2: Completion of at least 13–14 academic hours. Must include:
Lab course = BIOL 101 and 103 or BIOL 102 and 104 or PHYS 101; Math course = college algebra (MATH 126) or a higher-level course and STAT 211 or ECON 255;
In addition to the lab course above, each student must select at least four additional academic hours from the following science courses:
4 hr. courses (select at least one)
BIOL 101 and 103; BIOL 102 and 104; BIOL 115; CHEM 111, 112, 115, 116; CS 101, 110; PHSC 111, 121; PHYS 101, 102, 111.
or
3 hr. courses (select at least two)
BIOL 235, 337; HN&F 171; MDS 126.
 - c. Objective 3: at least three academic hours completed in courses related to the past and its traditions.
 - d. Objective 4: LING 101.
 - e. Objective 6: UNIV 101 and PSYCH 101.
2. Completion of SPA 200 with a minimum grade of B, completion of SPA 199, and completion of SPA 270.
3. Overall GPA of 2.75.

These requirements are subject to change. Interested students should contact the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology for information on current requirements.

B.S. Degree Program in Speech Pathology and Audiology Admission

After completing all pre-SPA requirements listed above, a student must apply for admission to the degree program by completing an application form obtained from the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology in 805 Allen Hall. It is the student's responsibility to obtain an application form and submit it to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology between the deadline dates of January 15 and February 15. No applications will be accepted after February 15. After the application has been reviewed and verified, the student will receive a letter summarizing the department's admission decision. Students will be ranked according to their overall GPA for all undergraduate coursework. The 45 students with the highest GPA will be admitted to the B.S. degree program at the beginning of the junior year. Students who are not admitted must declare another major immediately and officially transfer to that department.

Following admission to the degree program, the student must continue to meet GPA standards set by the department in order to continue in the program and graduate with a degree in speech pathology and audiology.

Graduation Requirements

A total of 128 academic credit hours, including all SPA requirements, is required for the bachelor of science in speech pathology and audiology. The following are specific requirements:

1. Successful completion of the General Education Curriculum (GEC) including all pre-SPA required courses plus Statistics 211 or Economics 225 (this is a required course for SPA which meets the University mathematics skills component).
2. Successful completion of 17 hours of supporting area courses relating to natural sciences, normal/abnormal growth and development, and related issues.
3. Successful completion of a minimum of 56 hours of academic coursework in SPA.
4. Successful completion of minimum requirements in clinical practicum.
5. A cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all speech pathology and audiology courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 overall.