

Western Washington University
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
2024-2026 Undergraduate Course Sequence in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Communication Sciences and Disorders Department offers undergraduate coursework for students who intend to pursue a **major** in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). Students wishing to declare a major in Communication Sciences and Disorders must have: 1) completed at least 75 credits; 2) successfully completed or be currently enrolled in CSD 251; and 3) achieved a Western GPA (based on at least 12 credits) of 2.70 or higher. A grade of at least B- (2.70) in each of the core courses (CSD 251, 352, and 356) may substitute for the overall 2.70 GPA. A **minor** of 24 credits or more is required in addition to completing all CSD major coursework (students may substitute a second major in place of the required minor). A self-designed minor is acceptable, **with prior approval of the advisor**.

CSD MAJOR TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (MINIMUM) FOR A B.A. DEGREE = 58-59

REQUIRED COURSES

CSD Course Number	Course Title	Credits
251	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
352	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	5
353	Speech Science	5
354	Speech and Language Development in Children	4
356	Phonetics and Phonology	4
361	Developmental Language Disorders	5
371	Hearing Science	3
372	Anatomy, Physiology, and Disorders of Hearing and Balance	4
450	Neuroanatomy for Speech Pathology and Audiology	4
457	Clinical Processes	5
462	Audiometric Testing	4
463	Aural Rehabilitation	4
LIBR403	Library Research Tutorial	1
ELECTIVES (Students must complete two elective classes)		
E490	Social, Political, Cultural Aspects of Communication Disorders	3
E453	Introduction to Speech Disorders	4
E470	Acq Disorders Lang and Cog in Adults	4

A. Note regarding ASHA certification requirements: Speech-language pathologists and audiologists are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Although not a major requirement, students must complete at least one course in each of the following areas to meet certification requirements: 1) biological sciences, 2) social/behavioral sciences, 3) physics or chemistry, and 4) statistics. We recommend taking these courses during your undergraduate program.

B. Note regarding Clinical Observations: Not a major requirement. Prior to participating in clinical practicum (speech, audiology, and aural rehabilitation) in graduate school, students must observe a minimum of 25 hours of diagnosis and/or treatment. Guided observation opportunities are embedded in the undergraduate curriculum, however students may need to do complete observations outside of class to meet this graduate school requirement.

C. Writing Proficiency Courses: Majors in CSD meet WWU writing proficiency requirements by completing CSD 361, CSD 463 & 457.

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Since our courses are only offered once a year and there are prerequisites, students are expected to take all major courses as outlined in the schedule below. However, please note that the course offerings and schedule of classes are subject to change based on programmatic needs. We will notify you via email and update this schedule if courses change. It is your responsibility to check this document before registering for your major courses to ensure that you are taking the correct classes in the recommended order.

FALL (Junior year 2024)

CSD 251	Introduction to Communication Disorders <i>(may be taken fall, spring, or summer of sophomore year)</i>	3
CSD 352	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	5
CSD 372	Anat, Phys & Disorders Hear and Balance	4

Total = 9 to 12 credits

WINTER (Junior year 2025)

CSD 354	Speech and Language Development in Children	4
CSD 371	Hearing Science	3
CSD 356	Phonetics and Phonology	4
LIBR 403	Library Research Tutorial	1

Total = 12 credits

SPRING (Junior year 2025)

CSD 353	Speech Science	5
CSD 361	Developmental Language Disorders – WP1	5
CSD 462	Audiometric Testing <i>(or summer of junior year)</i>	4

Total = 10 to 14 credits

FALL (Senior year 2025)

CSD 463	Aural Rehabilitation <i>(or summer** of junior year)</i> – WP1	4
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Total = 0 to 4 credits

WINTER (Senior year 2026)

CSD 457	Clinical Processes – WP1	5
CSD 453#	Introduction to Speech Disorders	4

Total = 5 to 9 credits

SPRING (Senior year 2026)

CSD 490#	Social, Political, and Cultural Aspects of Comm Disorders	3
CSD 470#	Acq Disorders Lang and Cog in Adults	4
CSD 450	Neuroanatomy for Speech Path & Audiology	4

Total = 7 to 11 credits

****Summer curriculum offerings are subject to change**
Take two of three electives