

# BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

The bachelor of arts degree program in speech, language and hearing sciences (SLHS) provides students with in-depth knowledge of language, the processes of speech production and hearing, and human connection. The program is designed to suit a variety of interests, providing flexibility to match students' academic goals. Many SLHS majors go on to careers in clinics and therapy programs, and to medical school or other advanced degree programs.

Visit the program website (<https://speechhearing.columbian.gwu.edu/ba-speech-language-hearing-sciences/#concentrations>) for additional information.

## ADMISSIONS

For information about the admission process, including deadlines, visit the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website (<https://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/>). Applications can be submitted via the Common Application (<https://go.gwu.edu/commonapp/>).

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
The George Washington University  
800 21st St NW Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20052

For questions visit [undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us](http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us) (<http://undergraduate.admissions.gwu.edu/contact-us/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Undergraduate Programs (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

50 credits, including 44 credits in core courses, and 6 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required core curriculum</b>		
SLHS 1071 or SLHS 1071W	Foundations of Human Communication	
SLHS 2101	Research Methods	
SLHS 2104 or SLHS 2104W	Speech and Language Disorders	

SLHS 2105	Anatomy and Physiology for Speech, Language, and Hearing
SLHS 2106	Neural Substrates of Speech, Language, and Hearing
SLHS 2107	Acoustics
SLHS 2108	Introduction to Audiology
SLHS 3131	Language Acquisition and Development
SLHS 3135	Language: Structure, Meaning, and Use
SLHS 3136	Phonetics
SLHS 4118W	Senior Research Seminar in Communication Sciences and Disorders
SLHS 4119	Principles and Methods in Speech-Language Pathology
STAT 1053	Introduction to Statistics in Social Science
One 3-credit Biological Science (BISC) course (service courses excluded)	
One 3-credit Physics (PHYS) or Chemistry (CHEM) course	
<b>Electives</b>	
Two courses (6 credits) selected from the following:	
SLHS 1072	Multicultural Issues in Human Communication
SLHS 1082	American Sign Language II
SLHS 1084	Perspectives in Deaf Culture
SLHS 3109	Auditory Learning and Aural Rehabilitation
SLHS 3116	Brain and Language
SLHS 3133	Autism

Note: this program curriculum was updated after the 2022-23 Bulletin was published in July, 2022.

## GENERAL EDUCATION

In addition to the University General Education Requirement (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/>), undergraduate students in Columbian College must complete a further, College-specific general education curriculum—Perspective, Analysis, Communication (G-PAC) (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/>) as well as the course CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience. Together with the University General Education Requirement, G-PAC engages students in active intellectual inquiry across the liberal arts. Students achieve a set of learning outcomes that enhance their analytical skills, develop their communication competencies, and invite them to participate as

responsible citizens who are attentive to issues of culture, diversity, and privilege.

Coursework (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/#generaleducationtext>) **for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- One course in critical thinking in the humanities.
- Two courses in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences.
- One course that has an approved oral communication component.
- One course in quantitative reasoning (must be in mathematics or statistics).
- One course in scientific reasoning (must be in natural and/or physical laboratory sciences).
- UW 1020 (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/search/?P=UW%201020>) University Writing (4 credits).
- After successful completion of UW 1020, 6 credits distributed over at least two writing in the discipline (WID) courses taken in separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.

**Coursework for the CCAS G-PAC requirement is distributed as follows:**

- Arts—one approved arts course that involves the study or creation of artwork based on an understanding or interpretation of artistic traditions or knowledge of art in a contemporary context.
- Global or cross-cultural perspective—one approved course that analyzes the ways in which institutions, practices, and problems transcend national and regional boundaries.
- Local or civic engagement—one approved course that develops the values, ethics, disciplines, and commitment to pursue responsible public action.
- Natural or physical science—one additional approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- Humanities—one additional approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills (in addition to the one course in this category required by the University General Education Requirement).
- CCAS 1001 First-Year Experience

**Certain courses are approved to fulfill GPAC requirements in more than one category.**

Courses taken in fulfillment of G-PAC requirements may also be counted toward majors or minors. Transfer courses taken prior to, but not after, admission to George Washington University may count toward the University General Education Requirement and G-PAC, if those transfer courses are equivalent to GW courses that have been approved by the University and the College.

Lists of approved courses in the above categories are included on each undergraduate major's (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext>) page in this Bulletin.

## SPECIAL HONORS

To qualify for graduation with Special Honors, the student must fulfill the general requirements stated under University Regulations, submit an application to the department before the beginning of the senior year, register for at least 1 credit of SPHR 4196 Independent Study, and complete an independent study honors project with distinction. Students must confer with an advisor before beginning the work. A 3.75 grade-point average in the major and overall is required both for acceptance and for graduation with Special Honors.