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/).

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/#degeregulationtext).

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

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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

Electives

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 (http://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) (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/gpac/) as well as
CCAS 1001. 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 for the University General Education Requirement is distributed as follows:**

- **Writing**—4 credits in UW 1020 University Writing and 6 credits taken in at least two writing in the disciplines (WID) courses in two or more separate semesters. WID courses are designated by a "W" appended to the course number.
- **Humanities**—one approved humanities course that involves critical thinking skills.
- **Mathematics or statistics**—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics.
- **Natural or physical science**—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry.
- **Social Sciences**—two approved courses in the social sciences that employ critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning.

**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.
- **Oral communication**—one approved course in oral communication.
- **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 ([http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#majorstext](http://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.