

# COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, M.S.

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	Speech–Language Pathology pathway: 44 credits Normal Aspects of Speech, Language, and Hearing pathway: 33 credits
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**Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement** Speech–Language Pathology pathway: All but 4 credits of the minimum 44 credits for the degree must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School’s Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)).

Normal Aspects of Speech, Language, and Hearing pathway: All of the minimum number of credits (33) must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School’s Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)).

**Overall Graduate GPA Requirement** 3.00 GPA required.  
This program follows the Graduate School’s GPA Requirement policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>)).

**Other Grade Requirements** n/a

**Assessments and Examinations** Speech–Language Pathology pathway: During the semester before you intend to finish your degree course work, take the Praxis II Exam (ASHA NESPA) and obtain a passing score (162 or better). Taking the Praxis is a graduation requirement (clinical MS students only).

Normal Aspects of Speech, Language, and Hearing pathway: A thesis is required.

**Language Requirements** n/a

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### Speech–Language Pathology Pathway<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Year 1, Fall Semester</b>		
CS&D 503	Neural Mechanisms of Speech, Hearing and Language	3
CS&D 703	Language and Learning Disorders of Children	3
CS&D 706	Management and Assessment of Voice Disorders	3
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders	2
<b>Year 1, Spring Semester</b>		
CS&D 704	Acquired Language and Cognitive–Communication Disorders in Adults	3
CS&D 705	Motor Speech Disorders/ Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
CS&D 707	Swallowing Disorders (taken for 3 credits)	3
CS&D 709	Language Development and Disorders in School Age Populations: School Methods and Procedures	3
CS&D 713	Introduction to Medical Speech Pathology	1
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders	2

#### Summer Semester

CS&D 424	Sign Language I (optional elective)	
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders	2
<b>Year 2, Fall Semester</b>		
CS&D 424	Sign Language I (optional elective)	
CS&D 708	Fluency and Phonological Disorders	3
CURRIC 720	School Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders	5
or CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders	
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders (Advanced Practicum, optional)	
<b>Year 2, Spring Semester</b>		
CS&D 752	Capstone in Communication Sciences and Disorders: Integration of Clinical and Research Methods	3
CURRIC 720	School Practicum in Communication Sciences & Disorders (Medical Site)	5
or CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders	
CS&D 790	Practicum in Communicative Disorders (Advanced Practicum, optional)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b>

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### Normal Aspects of Speech, Language, and Hearing (non-clinical) Pathway<sup>1</sup>

A minimum of 33 credits and a thesis is required. While the curriculum is individually designed for the specific student, it includes many of the same academic courses as in the Speech-Language Pathology Pathway curriculum above. Students take CS&D 990 or CS&D 999 credits while completing the thesis.

Because an emphasis on Normal Aspects of Speech, Language, and Hearing does not include clinical practice, CURRIC 720, CS&D 790, and CS&D 713 are not part of the curriculum.

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