COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS, BSE

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementstext) section of the Guide.

General Education

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

LIBERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete a minimum of 40 credits of Liberal Studies (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) coursework. This requirement provides an opportunity to do some academic exploration beyond the scope of the major. Students take courses in areas of particular interest and also have an opportunity to sample the wide selection of courses offered across the university. Coursework is required in humanities, social studies, science, and cultural and historical studies. Some elective coursework is also needed to reach the required number of credits.

The School of Education’s Liberal Studies

Requirements automatically satisfy most of the University General Education Requirements outlined above, including ethnic studies, humanities/literature, social studies, and science. Students pursuing most School of Education degree programs may also complete Communication Part B, Quantitative Reasoning Part A, and Quantitative Reasoning Part B through courses required by their degree program. If a student cannot complete a General Education Requirement within the curriculum of their chosen School of Education program, academic advisors can offer suggestions for courses that meet the requirement and augment the student’s primary area of study.

A basic outline of the liberal studies is included below. Students must consult the detailed version of the requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) for information about course selection and approved course options.

Humanities, 9 credits

All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits to include:

- Literature
- Fine Arts
- Humanities Electives

Social Studies (Social Science)

All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits. Teacher certification programs and Kinesiology have unique requirements in this category.

Science

All students must complete a minimum of 9 credits to include:

- Biological Science
- Physical Science
- Laboratory Science
- Science Electives

Cultural and Historical Studies

All students must complete three requirements (9 credits) met by separate courses. Any of these courses can also be used to meet the Humanities or Social Studies (Social Sciences) requirements if it has the relevant breadth designation.

- Ethnics Studies
- U.S./European History
- Global Perspectives

Complete Liberal Studies Electives (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#requirementstext) to total 40 Credits.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The School of Education undergraduate degree provides students with a conceptual background in the field of communication sciences and disorders and includes five categories of coursework:

- Liberal studies courses expose students to a broad range of academic disciplines. The university-wide General Education requirements also encourage this breadth of study.
- Major coursework offers in-depth study of foundations for clinical practice.
- Discipline-related coursework supports the major coursework.
- Education coursework examines many aspects of the educational enterprise, including child development and learning, societal expectations of schools and instruction, and teaching methods.
- Elective coursework is taken to meet the minimum of 120 credits required for the degree.
The School of Education’s Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders is one path toward eventual clinical practice, though a graduate degree is required for licensure. Thus, students must plan on graduate studies if they intend to pursue Wisconsin State licensure. Not all students eligible for admission to the undergraduate degree program can be accepted to the Master’s degree program on this campus. Many students obtain their undergraduate degrees from UW–Madison and complete their Master’s degree and licensing requirements at another institution.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

Complete all the courses listed below. At least 15 credits of upper-level major coursework (courses number 300–699) must be taken in residence on the UW–Madison campus for graduation.

Students must complete the three “gateway” courses—CS&D 201, CS&D 202, and CS&D 240—to be eligible for admission. Prospective applicants typically begin taking the three-course “gateway” sequence as sophomores. A grade point average of 3.0 or better must also be earned across these three courses the first time these courses are attempted.

**DISCIPLINE-RELATED COURSEWORK**

The Communication Sciences and Disorders program requires both major and related coursework. Related coursework is mandatory, but not considered part of the major or calculated into the major grade point average. This coursework may be used to satisfy Liberal Studies requirements, if appropriate.

Note: The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) standards now specify that a course in each of the following areas is required for ASHA certification.

- Biological sciences
- Physical sciences (chemistry or physics)
- Statistics
- Social/behavioral sciences

**EDUCATION COURSEWORK**

Select one of the following (minimum 3 credits):

- **ED PSYCH 320** Human Development in Infancy and Childhood
- **ED PSYCH 321** Human Development in Adolescence
- **PSYCH 460** Child Development
DARS is used as the document of record for degree program, major, and certificate completion in the School of Education.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION

A Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology (Communication Sciences and Disorders) is required to work as a public school speech-language pathologist in Wisconsin, and most states. The Master’s degree prepares graduates to function competently and independently in public school programs, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, birth-to-three programs, or clinics. At UW-Madison the Bachelor of Science degree can be earned in the School of Education and the Master’s degree is earned in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, part of the College of Letters & Science. Student teaching and other professional education courses will be taken while earning the Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Not all students who apply for admission can be accepted into the Master’s degree program.

For detailed information about the Master’s program, see the Communication Sciences & Disorders Guide page (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/communication-sciences-disorders/communication-sciences-disorders-ms/) and the departmental website (https://csd.wisc.edu/masters/).

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. “In residence” means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.