

## Contact

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## Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- 1 Computer Science
- 1 Fine Arts
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

*To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.*

## Major Requirements

- 33-34 credits Communication Sciences & Disorders
- 16-17 credits **External Courses:**
  - Psychology
  - Sciences
  - Statistics
  - Information Literacy
- 12 credits In-depth Study
- 9 credits Additional Coursework

*120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation*

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

### Program Description

The undergraduate program in Communication Sciences & Disorders provides academic training in speech, language, and hearing sciences. Majors are encouraged to acquire a solid general education in the liberal arts and sciences. The program also equips majors with pre-professional competencies that should enable them to undertake Masters study required for entrance to the professions of speech-language pathology or audiology (the Masters program is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association [ASHA]). Undergraduate students study normal speech, language and hearing and their disorders, methods of hearing assessment, the anatomy and physiology of speech, and the psychological and sociological foundations of language development. The senior capstone allows students to develop expertise in a particular area through independent research. Students also obtain their first 25 hours of clinical observation during their undergraduate studies.

### Career Opportunities

Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders find work in education, business and health settings and are prepared for graduate study in a variety of fields such as speech-language pathology, audiology, developmental or cognitive psychology, early childhood education, sociology, and various health care areas. Graduates with a Master of Arts degree find positions as speech-language pathologists in schools, hospitals and other service agencies, as well as in private practice. Positions are readily available in Maine, other states and the Canadian provinces.

### General Education Requirements\*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
  - Western Cultural Tradition
  - Social Context & Institutions
  - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
  - Population & the Environment
  - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

*\*All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

## **Specialized Information**

In addition to core CSD courses, majors complete the following:

### **In-depth Study**

12 semester credit hours (with at least 9 credits at 200-level or higher) of in-depth study in a specific area outside of CSD. This can be accomplished through completion of a minor or second major. In-depth study coursework must be approved by a student's academic advisor.

### **Additional Coursework**

9 semester credit hours (beyond courses taken to satisfy General Education) in two of the following three areas: 1) Communication, 2) Diversity, or 3) Ethics. Any of these credits may be used to meet distribution requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as well as departmental requirements - a list of acceptable courses for meeting the B.A. distribution requirements is available in the Dean's Office, 110 Stevens Hall.

### **Graduate Study**

Opportunities exist for study at the Masters level in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The Master of Arts program in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Maine is the only M.A. program in the state and is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

### **Academic Programs 2008-2009**

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