

## What is Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences?

The curriculum examines the physical, biological, and behavioral foundations of human communication. Courses focus on the study of normal speech, language, and hearing processes, and seek to apply that knowledge to identifying, preventing, evaluating, and managing disordered speech, language, and hearing.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “Undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare a Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences major, meet with the undergraduate adviser in the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community to learn about your new major’s declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences?

### Skills

Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Strong analytical thinking
- Leadership and team-building abilities
- Ability to link theory with practical applications
- Research and critical evaluation skills

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Health-related fields—speech-language pathology and audiology assistants, rehabilitative services
- Education—educational assistant, personal care attendant
- Government—public information, advocacy
- Business—educational software and media development, hearing aid sales, research and management
- Nonprofit—programming, management

Many Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences majors continue their studies and obtain a graduate

## For more information:

### About the Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences major:

Undergraduate Advising  
275 Peik Hall

(612) 624-3322

<http://www.slhs.umn.edu/>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Psychological Sciences  
Student Community

30 Johnston Hall

(612) 626-7707

<http://psysci.class.umn.edu/>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program

19 Johnston Hall

(612) 625-2300

<http://class.umn.edu/mlk/>

[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center

135 Johnston Hall

(612) 624-7577

<http://cclc.umn.edu/>

[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division

20 Nicholson

(612) 624-5522

<http://cla.umn.edu/honors/>

[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

degree in Communication Disorders. This degree enables students to pursue careers as speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Speech-language pathologists and audiologists work in educational and health-related settings as well as private practice and in industry.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

### **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have completed a Major Program form with your major adviser.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!