Communication Sciences and Disorders

Major

Comprehensive major (no minor required)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders

Where you'll find our grads

- Graduate School, UW-Eau Claire, UMD, UW-Madison, University of Iowa, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant, (SLPA certified) positions in Texas, California, Florida, New Jersey, and Virginia
- Teacher’s Aide, Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha, WI
- Continued Education, UW-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI

Prepared for Success

The department of Communication Sciences and Disorders educates students planning to become speech-language pathologists or audiologists and who will become specialists in diagnosing and treating communication disorders. The job market for graduates is growing most rapidly within the elderly and infant age ranges, but many jobs are available with school-age children and younger adults. Graduates are sought after by employers and valued for their competency.

Typical positions held by communication sciences and disorders graduates include speech-language pathologists or audiologists who diagnosis and treat communication disorders. Graduate degree is required for most jobs. Many of our students pursue graduate degrees at places like UW-Stevens Point, UM-Duluth, Univ. of Washington-Seattle, UW-Madison, St. Cloud State University and UW-Eau Claire.

Why UW-Eau Claire

Hands-On Experience

UW-Eau Claire has an excellent clinical facility with state-of-the-art technology on campus (Center for Communication Disorders) and affiliation with many off-campus practicum sites where students gain experience working with clients. Emphasis within the department focuses on preparing undergraduate students for entry into graduate programs. The semester long clinical practicum is a key component to the program, which offers undergraduate research experiences and opportunities to join the department honors program.

Service-Learning

Blugold commitment funds allows the department to assist adolescents with Asperger’s syndrome and adults with aphasia each year. While gaining experience in your field, you’ll have the opportunity to give back to the community.

Get Involved / Student Orgs

The local Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association provides professional and social interaction, a connection to a national student organization and service and leadership opportunities.

Suggested Freshman Curriculum

- Intro to Communication Sciences and Disorders
- University writing requirement—depending on placement exam. For test-out options, see uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout.
- Intro to Special Education
- General electives

Course Work / Pre-Professional Courses

Students who want to study communication sciences and disorders would benefit from course work in English composition, public speaking, foreign languages (Spanish or American Sign Language encouraged), natural sciences (biology and physics preferred), psychology and sociology.

Special Admission Guidelines

To take CSD 470 a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.50 GPA in CSD is required. It is important that students consult with a faculty adviser in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) when beginning to plan their programs and periodically throughout. Courses in

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the major are intended to be taken in a logical order, so students receive background knowledge from previous courses before enrolling in later courses. It is possible to finish the degree in four years even if the student enters the program after their freshman year.