# Bachelor of Science in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

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Program courses constitute the specific requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences leading to the baccalaureate degree at this University. The undergraduate sequence or a program equivalence is a prerequisite to the Master of Science in Communicative Disorders. A master's degree in the area of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) is required for a professional license to practice in the field. A doctoral degree in Audiology (AUD) is required for professional licensing in Audiology. All undergraduates, regardless of their intention to become an Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist, or to pursue another career path, take the same coursework. Thirteen core courses are required for the major. The B.S. degree is not a terminal degree. While the B.S. degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences does not qualify the student to practice Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, there are related fields open to the B.S. graduate that include employment as a teacher's assistant, classroom aide, child development worker, and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant with additional intern experience beyond the undergraduate degree. In addition, the B.S. degree in SLHS is a strong preparation for a number of graduate programs in special education, education, rehabilitation counseling, and related fields.

The undergraduate degree requires 120 units minimum. Students entering the program must hold the status of junior and declare Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences as the major. Students are required to meet the following criteria prior to enrollment in the major coursework:

1. Demonstrate a minimum GPA of 2.0
2. Meet with an advisor to review the requirements of the professions in speech-language pathology, audiology, and related fields.
3. All undergraduates, regardless of their intention to become an Audiologist (AuD), Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), or to pursue another career path, take the same coursework.

Many of the courses listed in the major have prerequisites and must be taken in a particular sequence. The course roadmap begins in the fall semester of the junior year, but SLHS 300 and SLHS 655 are general education that can be taken beforehand. (Consult the roadmap and online course descriptions for the course sequence.)

To advance in the undergraduate program, students must:

1. Maintain an overall grade point average of C or better (2.0 GPA)
2. Receive a grade of C– or better in all courses in each consecutive semester in the program.
3. Successfully complete all courses in each semester sequence.

Students who do not meet these criteria cannot take any additional courses in the sequence. Courses with less than a C– grade must be retaken before enrollment in the complete sequence may continue.

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## Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (B.S.) — 40 units

**Major Prerequisites**

1. A course in human or animal biology, human anatomy, and physiology, neuroanatomy and neurophysiology, human genetics, or veterinary science.
2. A course in Area D1 Social Sciences in psychology, sociology, anthropology, or public health.
3. A course in Area B1 Physical Science. A course in Area B1 Physical Science — CHEM 101, CHEM 180, PHYS 101, PHYS 111, or PHYS 220
4. A course in statistics. MATH 124, ISED 160, or PSY 171 are recommended.

### Required Courses

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### Capstone

A capstone ePortfolio assignment is required in the fall semester of the senior year, as a part of the course requirements for SLHS 656GW.

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

1. In order to choose your English Composition A2 course and your QR/Math B4 course, please complete the online advising activities at writingadvising.sfsu.edu (https://writingadvising.sfsu.edu/) and mathadvising.sfsu.edu (https://mathadvising.sfsu.edu/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/)
2. Select the row that matches your English course choice for A2.*
3. Select the column that matches your QR/Math course choice for B4.
4. Click the Roadmap that lines up with your row and column.

For example, if you select ENG 104/ENG 105 and a multi-semester QR/math sequence for your first year, then choose Roadmap D.

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*Note: The roadmap is designed to help students choose courses that align with their academic goals and prerequisites.
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#### Requirements Outlined Below for Admission

For more information, visit the Undergraduate Admissions section (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/).

- Complete 60 or more transferable semester units or 90 or more quarter units.
- Earn a college grade point average of 2.0 or better in all transferable courses. Non-local area residents may be held to a higher GPA standard.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.
- Complete 30-semester units (45-quarter units) of General Education, including four basic skills courses:
  a. One course in oral communication (same as CSU GE Area A1)
  b. One course in written composition (same as CSU GE Area A2)

### General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
   - a course in U.S. History
   - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit http://www.assist.org (http://assist.org). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

### SF State Scholars

The San Francisco State Scholars program provides undergraduate students with an accelerated pathway to a graduate degree. Students in this program pursue a bachelor’s and master’s degree simultaneously. This program allows students to earn graduate credit while in their junior and/or senior year, reducing the number of semesters required for completion of a master’s degree.

This roadmap opens in a new page (http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/education/speech-language-hearing/scholars-roadmap/).

### Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements. Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet A1, A2, A3, and B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State’s lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the A3 requirement, please visit bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL.

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.

### Course Choice

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* Composition for Multilingual Students: If taking ENG 209 as your first English course, choose the ENG 114 row. If taking ENG 201 or ENG 212 for your first English course, choose the ENG 104/ENG 105 row.
c. One course in critical thinking (same as CSU GE Area A3)  
d. One course in mathematics or quantitative reasoning (same as CSU GE Area B4)  

• The four basic skills courses and a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90-quarter units) must be completed by the spring semester prior to fall admission, or by the fall semester prior to spring admission. Earn a C- or better grade in each basic skills course.