

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

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Communication Disorders at NMU

The Communication Disorders Department prepares undergraduate students in verbal and written communication as well as critical thinking in a culturally diverse society. These skills help produce baccalaureate graduates who are able to compete and experience success in their chosen careers, professions or graduate studies. The department encourages its majors to be active participants in their classes and to participate in faculty research and other faculty professional development activities.

Professional/Graduate School Preparation

Communication disorders courses are designed for students who wish to enter a graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology. Preprofessional courses meet the requirements for the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-and-Hearing Association.

Department Facilities

The department houses the Northern Michigan University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic serving the cognitive/communication needs of children and adults from the university and the surrounding community. In addition, the clinic provides preprofessional clinical practice experience to students enrolled in the communications disorders major.

Department/Program Policies

All undergraduate majors in communication disorders are required to have a 20 credit hour minor as part of their academic program. A student can choose a minor from many departments on campus. It is recommended, however, that students take a minor in a related area such as psychology, sociology or foreign languages. The department does not have undergraduate grade point average requirements that differ from those of the university. However, to be accepted into a graduate program, students must maintain a 3.00 grade point average. Therefore, all students are assigned a faculty adviser who will carefully monitor their progress through the program.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Liberal Studies: Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the "Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements" section of this bulletin (38-44).

Courses within each major that can be used to satisfy liberal studies requirements are listed with the roman numeral (in brackets) that coincides with the liberal studies division the course falls under.

Communication Disorders Major

This program provides the necessary preparation to be admitted into a graduate program accredited by the CAA or ASHA.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
Required Courses in Major	48
CD 150 Survey of Communication Disorders	4
CD 160 Anatomy of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism	4
CD 200 Phonetics	3
CD 210 Introduction to Voice and Articulation	3
CD 220 Speech and Voice Science	3
CD 351 Audiology I	3
CD 355 Language Development	3
CD 356 Language Disorders	3
CD 357 Fluency Disorders	3
CD 359 Organic Disorders of Communication	4
CD 370 Observation	2
CD 400 Phonological Disorders	3
CD 459 Neuroscience for Communication Disorders	4
CD 464 Methods of Diagnosis	4
CD 465 Methods of Treatment	2
Other Required Courses	4
PY 305 Psychological Statistics [V] (or equivalent)	4
Minor	20

MINOR PROGRAM

Communication Disorders Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
CD 150 Survey of Communication Disorders	4
CD 200 Phonetics	3
CD 351 Audiology I	3
CD 355 Language Development	3
CD 356 Language Disorders	3
CD 359 Organic Disorders of Communication <i>or</i> CD 456 Language and Learning Disabilities (4 cr.)	4

Courses should be completed in the numbered sequence specified above.