Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Degree Programs

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences - MS (http://bulletin.auburn.edu/thesubjects/graduatedegreesoffered/communicationdisordersmcdms_major/communicationdisorders_mcd/)

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences offers a master’s programs in speech-language pathology accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). A Master of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (MS) has a thesis or non-thesis requirement. The degree does not require expertise in a foreign language. Information about the degree program is available at http://www.cla.auburn.edu/communicationdisorders/.

The plan of study for the MS must conform to academic and practicum requirements for ASHA certification and Alabama licensure. Students then are prepared for careers in school systems, clinics, hospital/rehabilitation centers, physicians’ offices, and private practice and for pursuing the doctoral degree.

Admission Requirements

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited university is necessary. Those with a degree in communication sciences and disorders, or equivalent, complete the Master of Speech, Language and Hearing Science (MS) degree with 55 semester credit hours; additional thesis hours are optional for the thesis track. General education courses on the undergraduate transcript should include at least one course in each of the following areas: math, statistics, biological science, physical science (i.e., Chemistry or Physics), and behavioral science. As this background is expected by the program’s accreditation agency, any deficiency must be fulfilled before conferral of the master’s degree in this program. Students who do not have required undergraduate prerequisite course will be required to take the coursework prior to entering or as part of their graduate program.

Some application materials are sent directly to the Graduate School and other materials are sent CSDCAS.

Application to Auburn University’s Speech, Language and Hearing Sceinces Dept. requires that you complete both the electronic application through the Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) AND the online application to the Auburn University Graduate School. Here are specific steps:

1. Apply online to AU’s Graduate School and submit payment.
2. GRE scores must also be submitted to the Graduate School at Auburn University (ETS Institution code 1005)
3. Apply online through CSDCAS (http://www.capcsd.org/csdcas-student-page/) and submit all required information, documentation and payment.
   • Official transcripts from every college or university attended must be sent to CSDCAS
   • Official GRE scores must be sent to CSDCAS (ETS code 7807)
   • Three professional letters of recommendation must be submitted to CSDCAS
   • A video: See website for instructions and prompt
   • For international students whose native language is not English, the TOEFL must be taken and submitted to both CSDCAS and AU Graduate School

January 15th is the annual deadline for applications to the graduate program. To be considered for admission, all materials need to be submitted to AU and CSDCAS no later than January 15th.

Graduation Requirements

The MS in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences thesis track requires a minimum of 54 hours of graduate course work, including at least four hours of CMDS 7990 Research and Thesis, and an appropriate internship experience, CMDS 7920 Internship in Speech-Language Pathology.

The Master in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences non-thesis track requires a minimum 55 hours of graduate course work and appropriate internship experience, CMDS 7920 Internship in Speech-Language Pathology.

Clinical Experience Requirements
In addition to academic course work requirements, the MS degree program requires a minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical experience in the practice of speech-language pathology.

**Financial Aid**

The department has a limited number of graduate assistantships available. These assistantships must be applied for using the Application for Assistantship form downloaded from the departmental website. Assistantships are awarded based on academic performance and research experience.