
(Last Name, First Name)

UB Person Number/UB IT Name

University at Buffalo

Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Curriculum Plan for Master of Arts in Communicative Disorders and Sciences (Speech-Language Pathology)

Requirements effective for Students Entering Program **Fall 2026**

Date of Entry: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Thesis: Yes _____ No _____

School Certification: Wants _____ Doesn't Want _____ Has _____

Prerequisites to Graduate Study for Make-up Students* (Take with the numbers as listed below; 500-level courses count towards the 40 required graduate credits)

FALL

CDS 151 Introduction to Speech and Audiology (3)
CDS 286 Phonetics (3)
CDS 301 Child Language Development (3)
CDS 388 Anatomy & Physiology/Speech (3)
CDS 529 Aural Rehabilitation (3) **
Physical Science, Biology, Stat., LIN 205, CDS Elective

SPRING

CDS 389 General and Speech Acoustics (3)
CDS 390 Introduction to Audiology (3)
CDS 544 Phonological Disorders (3)
CDS 480 Clinical Observation (25 hours) (1)
Physical Science, Biology, Statistics or CDS Electives

M.A. Degree requires minimum of 40 graduate academic credits (NOTE: Minimum of 37 of these credits must be in CDS). 40 credits total does not include Practicum credits (CDS 595/596 LAB/LEC), but does include CDS 525. Students on average take a maximum of 4 academic courses plus clinic each semester. With the exception of final semester, a minimum of 12 credits each Fall and Spring semester is required for full-time status (practicum credits count towards this number). Nine (9) credits are required each Fall and Spring semester for students who have Teaching/Research Assistantships. **One** 3-credit elective may be taken outside CDS Department with pre-approval from MA Academic Advisor.

GRADUATE CURRICULUM

FALL 1 (15 credits maximum excluding 595)

R CDS 522 Diagnostics (3)**
R CDS 525 Clinical Processes (3)
R CDS 528 Neural Bases of Comm. (3)
R CDS 564 Language Dis/Adults (3)
R CDS 575 Dysphagia (3)
E Elective as needed (1-3)
R CDS 595 Clinical Practicum (LAB) (1-6)

SPRING 1 (12 credits maximum excluding 595)

R CDS 544 Phonological Disorders (3)
R CDS 563 Lang. Dis. Child (Birth – 5) (3)
E/R CDS 580 Speech Path/Schools (3)***
R CDS 640 Motor Speech Disorders (3)
E Elective as needed (1-3)
R CDS 595 Clinical Practicum (LEC) (1)
R CDS 595 Clinical Practicum (LAB) (1-6)

SUMMER

E CDS 569 Stuttering Therapy (2)
E CDS 655 Medical Speech Language Pathology (3)
E Elective as needed (3)
R CDS 595 Clinical Practicum (1-6)

FALL 2 (15 credits maximum excluding 596)

R CDS 502 Evaluating Clinical Change (3)
R CDS 529 Aural Rehabilitation (3)**
R CDS 565 Lang. Dis. in School Age Child (3)
R CDS 670 Augmentative Communication (3)
R CDS 560 Voice Disorders (3)
R CDS 596 Clinical Practicum II (LEC) (1)
R CDS 596 Clinical Practicum II (LAB) (1-6)

SPRING 2 (3-6 credits excluding 624, if needed)

R CDS 624 Externship^^ (12)

R denotes required coursework; E denotes electives.

* If student has not graduated with a Bachelor's degree majoring in Communicative Disorders and Sciences (or equivalent), then **all** make-up/prerequisite courses must be completed. Recommended course load is 5 per semester for the makeup year; Aural Rehabilitation can be taken Fall 2 if you need to take ASHA basic science courses.

** Required for ASHA – must take unless waived by equivalent; Undergraduate equivalent is OK

*** Elective for M.A., but required for earning NYS Teacher's initial certificate

^^ All students must register for a total of 12 Externship credits. Students wishing to receive NY State teacher certification must register for 6 credits of CDS 624 (School section) and 6 credits of CDS 624 (Other section). Students who do not wish to receive NY State Teacher Certification register for a total 12 Credits of CDS 624.

Other ASHA Required Courses

A. List course(s) in Human Biology (3 credits minimum)

Course #	Name	Credits	College/University
1.			
2.			
3.			

B. List course(s) in Physical Science (physics or chemistry) (3 credits minimum; Note: The course(s) must be offered by Physics or Chemistry Departments OR content specifically focused on Physics or Chemistry.)

Course #	Name	Credits	College/University
1.			
2.			
3.			

C. List courses in Statistics (3 credits minimum)

Course #	Name	Credits	College/University
1.			
2.			
3.			

D. List courses in Behavioral or Social Sciences (3 credits minimum)

Course #	Name	Credits	College/University
1.			
2.			
3.			

E. List courses in Basic Communication and Swallowing (for 2020 certification) processes such as Linguistics, Anatomy of Speech and Hearing Mechanism, Psychoacoustics, Speech or Hearing Sciences, Phonetics, etc. **DO NOT LIST COURSES THAT HAVE DISORDER OR PATHOLOGY AS MAIN CONTENT. (15 credits minimum)**

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1.			
2.			
3.			
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NOTE: For Canadian students 3 credit courses at UB are the equivalent of a semester-long course or 1 credit in Canadian University system.