

# Undergraduate Program

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Communicative Disorders**—Evaluation and treatment of persons with communicative disorders, based upon a firm theoretical understanding of normal processes of speech and language formulation, production, and perception. Some students pursue this major as a preliminary step toward advanced training in other professional fields (e.g., medicine and law). Many other students pursue this major because they hope to practice as certified clinicians in educational and medical-allied-health settings, assisting clients with communicative impairments arising from disease, trauma, predisposition, maladaptive learning, or unknown causes.

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# UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS



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*The mission of the Department of Communicative Disorders at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is to provide students with a solid foundation in both the theoretical and applied aspects of the discipline of Communicative Disorders.*



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DEPARTMENT OF  
**COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS**  
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The major in communicative disorders provides students with opportunities for study in the areas of speech–language pathology, audiology, and the normal aspects of speech, hearing, and language. Labs are available for training and research needs in the areas of speech physiology, speech acoustics, language, and audiological science.

**Communicative Disorders, 33 credits**

Com Dis 201 Speech Science, 3 cr

Com Dis 202 Normal Aspects of Hearing, 3 cr

Com Dis 210 Speech and Language Functions of the Brain, 3 cr

Com Dis 240 Language Development in Children and Adolescents, 3 cr

Com Dis 303 Speech Acoustics and Perception, 3 cr

Com Dis 315 Speech Pathology I, 3 cr

Com Dis 318 Speech Pathology II, 4 cr

Com Dis 320 Introduction to Audiology, 3 cr

Com Dis 371 Pre-Clinical Observation of Children and Adults, 2 cr

Com Dis 425 Auditory Rehabilitation, 3 cr

Com Dis 440 Child Language Disorders, Assessment and Intervention, 3 cr

**To declare a major**, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or better for the three courses Com Dis 201, 202, and 240. Major declaration forms may be obtained from the department's student status examiner, Room 318, Goodnight Hall, 608-262-6464, [vangenderen@wisc.edu](mailto:vangenderen@wisc.edu).



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