

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS BS

The Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders provides students with the foundational coursework needed to pursue careers or graduate programs in speech-language pathology and audiology. Common degree-related careers include speech-language pathologist assistant, audiologist assistant, behavior technician, and various educational and health and human service options.

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools

Use the interactive e-advising tools designed to help students graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center in the Portal (<https://portal.csuchico.edu>).

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 61-62 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

See a major advisor for required course sequence. Other courses may be substituted upon approval of your advisor.

Course	Title	Units
CMSD 156	Language and Culture of Deaf Americans	3
CMSD 220	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
CMSD 290	Phonetics	3
CMSD 321	Speech Sound Disorders	3
CMSD 341	Voice and Stuttering	3
CMSD 351	Language Development	3
CMSD 362	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	3
CMSD 363	Acoustics and Psychoacoustics of Speech	3
CMSD 431	Organic and Neurogenic Disorders of Communication	3
CMSD 435W	Diagnostic Methods in Speech-Language Pathology (W)	3
CMSD 440	Audiology	3
CMSD 441	Aural Rehabilitation	3
CMSD 451	Child Language Disorders	3
CMSD 470	Clinical Methods in Speech-Language Pathology	3
CMSD 488	Research Methods	3
MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
Select one of the following:		3

CHLD 252	Child Development	
PSYC 355	Survey of Child and Adolescent Psychology	
Select one of the following:		3
CMSD 560	Communication and Aging	
PSYC 354	Psychology of Adulthood and Aging	
SOSC/PHHA 541	Health in the Later Years	
SOSC/PHHA 543	Social Gerontology	
Select one of the following: ¹		3-4
CHEM 100	Chemistry and Current Issues	
CHEM 107	General Chemistry for Applied Sciences	
PHYS 307	Physics of Music	
Select one of the following:		4
ANTH 111	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	
BIOL/SCED 102	Introduction to Living Systems	
BIOL 103	Human Anatomy	
BIOL 104	Human Physiology	
Total Units		61-62

¹ Transfer students who take the equivalent of ASTR 100 with a Physics (PHYS) course may complete this requirement. Chico State students without Physics transfer credit may not take ASTR 100 to clear this requirement.

Electives Requirement

To complete the total units required for the bachelor's degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires six units of honors coursework completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:

- You must take six units of Honors in the Major coursework. All six units are honors courses (marked by a suffix of H), and at least three of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each course with a minimum grade of B.

- You must have completed 9 units of upper-division coursework or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.
- Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.
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- Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the six units of coursework over the two semesters of their senior year.
- Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

Honors in the Major is not part of the Honors Program. Each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 43 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#general-requirements-text>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

American Institutions Course Requirements: 6 units

The American Institutions graduation requirement, as mandated in Title 5, Section 40404 ([https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))), requires that students satisfactorily complete courses in United States history, the US Constitution, and government and American ideals (including California state and local government). At Chico State, HIST 130 meets the US history requirement (US-1), and POLS 155 meets the US Constitution and government requirement (US-2) and the California state and local government requirement (US-3). POLS 155 also fulfills three units of GE Area 4, Social and Behavioral Sciences. See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/#amin>) for more information.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Many courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<https://www.csuchico.edu/pres/em/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Writing and Math Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/writing-math-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- Any upper-division Writing (W) course.

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE English Composition (1A) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#1A>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.