

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

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Introduction

The mission of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD) is to develop professionals who are knowledgeable, thoughtful, skilled, and capable of working independently and in collaboration with clients, families, and other professionals.

The professional practice of Speech-Language Pathology and/or Audiology requires a graduate degree from an accredited program. Individuals applying for national certification and state licensure must hold a Master's (or Doctoral) degree in the appropriate area of study, meet specific requirements in course work, practicum, and professional experience, and pass a national examination.

COSD offers an accredited graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology and a pre-professional undergraduate program. COSD offers a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The undergraduate program requires four academic years. Students wishing to pursue a bachelor's degree in COSD enter the Waldron College of Health and Human Services (WCHHS) as Pre-COSD majors. In their first two years, students typically complete their Core Curriculum requirements. As junior and senior COSD majors, students complete major and related courses, other degree requirements, and elective courses. Also, students are recommended to take courses that are required for teacher licensure in Virginia.

In order to be admitted as COSD majors and to take most Major Requirements, students must have junior class standing (completion of 56 semester credit hours) and have earned an overall grade point average of 2.5.

In the last year of undergraduate study, students apply to graduate programs in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. Completion of an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COSD) does not guarantee acceptance into a graduate program. Admission into graduate programs is competitive. Graduate school admission requirements and procedures are available in the on-line version of the Radford University Graduate Catalog.

Academic Standards

PRE-COSD REQUIREMENTS

Prior to being admitted to the COSD major, students will be considered Pre-COSD majors. To be admitted into the COSD junior-level, students must:

- (1) Attain Junior status (minimum of 56 hours earned).
- (2) Earn a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average in all coursework.
- (3) Complete an application to the COSD major in the Advising Center in 351 Waldron Hall.

COSD REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a COSD major, students must maintain the following minimum academic standards:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 during junior and senior years.
2. Repeat any COSD course for which a grade lower than "C" is assigned.
3. Students who earn lower than a "C" in any COSD course after exhausting the university repeat option will be withdrawn from the program.

Recommended Courses for COSD B.S. Option

The B.S. degree courses are taken **in addition to** Core Curriculum requirements, Major, and Related area courses. (Prerequisites for courses are listed in parentheses.)

GEOG 322	Cultural Geography
HLTH 451	Drug Use & Abuse Education
HLTH 460	International Health
PSYC 250	Psychology of Diversity (PSYC 121)
PSYC 343	Social Psychology (PSYC 121)
PSYC 347	Environmental Psychology (PSYC 121)
PSYC 377	Introduction to Sensation and Perception (PSYC 121)
PSYC 378	Brain and Behavior (PSYC 121)
PSYC 381	Psychology of Work Behavior (PSYC 121)
PSYC 391	Psychology of Women (PSYC 121)
PSYC 405	Forensic Psychology (PSYC 121)
PSYC 420	Research in Cognitive Psychology (PSYC 202 & 320)
PSYC 429	Maturity and Aging (PSYC 121)
PSYC 439	Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 121)
PSYC 440	Abnormal Child Psychology (PSYC 121)
PSYC 445	Psychological Test and Measurements (PSYC 201 & junior or senior or graduate standing)
PSYC 480	Human Neuropsychology (PSYC 121 and senior standing or permission of instructor)
SOCY 250	Social Inequality (SOCY 110)
SOCY 320	Sociology of Aging (SOCY 110)
SOCY 331	Race and Ethnic Relations (SOCY 110)
SOCY 334	Population Trends & Analysis (SOCY 110)
SOCY 339	Urban Sociology (SOCY 110)
SOCY 341	Sociology of Health & Medicine (SOCY 110)
SOCY 411	Appalachian Cultures (APST 200, SOCY 110, 121 or permission of instructor)
SOCY 422	Sociology of Death and Dying (SOCY 110)
SOCY 435	Native American Cultures (SOCY 110, 121 or permission of instructor)
SOCY 443	Deviance (SOCY 110)
SOCY 457	Law and Social Injustice (SOCY 110 & junior or senior standing or 6 hours of sociology)
SOCY 482	Practicing Ethnographic Methods (SOCY 110, 121 or permission of instructor)

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UNOFFICIAL EVALUATION

NAME _____ ID# _____ DATE _____

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS 2009-2010

UNIVERSITY CORE

A. Core Foundations (12 SH)

CORE 101 _____ 3
Essentials of Written & Oral
Communication

CORE 102 _____ 3
Advanced Written & Oral
Communication

CORE 103 _____ 3
Written & Oral Communication-Honors
(CORE 103 will replace CORE 101 & 102
for those students in the RU Honors
Academy)

CORE 201 _____ 3
Topics in Written & Oral
Communication

CORE 202 _____ 3
Ethical Topics in Written & Oral
Communication

NOTE: Courses listed in multiple areas
can only be used to fulfill a single area
requirement.

Students can use only one course with
their major prefix to fulfill core
requirements.

*Effective 2010-2011, ENGL 201,202 &
203 will be replaced by ENGL 200
(Literary Texts and Contexts) in the
Humanities Area.

B. Core Skills & Knowledge (16 SH)

*Courses must be from different
disciplines:*

Mathematical Sciences (3SH)
MATH 137 is recommended, any MATH
125 or higher accepted.

MATH _____ 3
One of the following: MATH 125, 126,
132, 137, 138, 151: 152

Natural Sciences (4 SH)
BIOL 104 or 105
_____ 4

Humanities (3 SH)
PHIL 112 recommended.
_____ 3

One of the following: *ENGL 201, 202,
203 HIST 101, 102 PHIL 111, 112, 114
RELN 111, 112, 200, 202, 206

Social/Behavioral Sciences (3SH) PSYC
121 required if PSYC 230 will be taken at
RU.

_____ 3
One of the following: ANTH /SOCY 121
APST 200 ECON 105, 106 GEOG 101, 102,
103 HIST 111, 112 POSC 110, 120 PSYC
121 RELN 205 SOCY 110

Visual & Performing Arts (3 SH)
_____ 3
One of the following: ART 111, 215, 216
CVPA 266 DNCE 111 MUSC 100, 121, 123
THEA 100, 180

COLLEGE CORE

A. National & International Perspectives (6 SH)

*Courses must be from different
disciplines:*

U. S. Perspectives (3 SH)
SOCY 110 _____ 3

Global Perspectives (3SH)
_____ 3
One of the following:
ANTH/SOCY 121 ENGL 201
CVPA 266 GEOG 101, 102, 140, 280
HIST 101, 102 INST 101 ITEC 112
PEAC 200 RELN 112, 205,
THEA 180 WMST 101

B. Supporting Skills & Knowledge (9-11 SH)

Natural Sciences or Mathematical Sciences
(4 SH)

CHEM 120 or PHYS 111
_____ 4

Humanities, Visual & Performing Arts or
Foreign Languages (3-4 SH)
_____ 3-4

One of the following: * ENGL 201, 202, 203
HIST 101, 102 PHIL 111, 112, 114 RELN 111,
112, 200, 202, 206 ART 111, 215, 216 CVPA
266 DNCE 111 MUSC 100, 121, 123 THEA 100,
180 CHNS 101: 102, 201: 202 FORL 100, 109,
209, 309, 409, 200: 210 FREN 100, 200: 210,
300, 320 GRMN 100, 200: 210, 300 LATN 101:
102, 201, 350 SPAN 101: 102, 201: 202

Social/Behavioral Sciences or Health &
Wellness (3SH)
_____ 3

One of the following: ANTH/SOCY 121 APST
200 ECON 105, 106 GEOG 101, 102, 103 HIST
111, 112 POSC 110, 120 PSYC 121 RELN 205
SOCY 110 HLTH 111,200 NURS 111, NUTR
214 RCPT 200

Additional Requirements (6SH)
PSYC 230 _____ 3
STAT 200 _____ 3

=====COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS=====

COSD CORE REQUIREMENTS

	Sem.	Grade	Hrs.
COSD 221	_____	_____	3
COSD 225	_____	_____	3
COSD 301	_____	_____	4
COSD 315	_____	_____	3
COSD 316	_____	_____	3
COSD 330	_____	_____	3
COSD 401	_____	_____	3
COSD 421	_____	_____	3
COSD 425	_____	_____	3
COSD 438	_____	_____	3
COSD 452	_____	_____	3
COSD 453	_____	_____	3
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GPA REQUIREMENTS

Pre-COSD Cumulative GPA _____ 2.5
COSD Major GPA _____ 2.5
Overall GPA _____ 2.5
(junior & senior years)

DEGREE OPTION REQUIREMENTS

B.S. Degree 6-8 hours
Students must choose 6-8 hours from the
following courses, that have not already been
taken for Core Curriculum credit,
major/related area credit.
GEOG 322 HLTH 451, 460, PSYC 250, 343, 347,
377, 378, 381, 391, 405, 420, 429, 439, 440,
445, 480, SOCY 250, 320, 331, 334, 339, 341,
411, 422, 435, 443, 457, 482

B.A. Degree 6-12 hours
Take 12 hours of one foreign language
(may be completed in 6 hours with previous
experience-see catalog for exceptions.)

RELATED COURSES

Students wishing to obtain teacher
certification upon completion of the graduate
program must have successfully completed
the following courses at the undergraduate
level:
**COSD 403 _____ 3
EDSP 361 or PSYC 401 _____ 3
EDSP 469 _____ 3
EDEF 320 _____ 3
**Or take COSD 511 at the graduate level.

GENERAL ELECTIVES (at least 15 credits or 27 if
Education courses not taken)
To complete the minimum of 120 total
semester hours of course work required for
graduation.
(COSD 222, 223, 224, 416 and/or 422 are
recommended.)

Communication Sciences and Disorders: Four-Year Academic Plan 2009-2010

Attempt to structure your course schedules as indicated in the following plan. There is flexibility within the course sequencing of the core curriculum requirements. Students should, however, always consult with their academic advisor before making changes to their planned schedule.

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall

CORE 101	3
BIOL 104 or 105	4
Social/Behavioral Sciences	
PSYC 121 recommended	3
Visual & Performing Arts	3
Humanities	<u>3</u>
Total	16

Spring

CORE 102	3
PHYS 111 or CHEM 120	4
SOCY 110	3
Mathematical Sciences	3
Global Perspectives	<u>3</u>
Total	16

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall

COSD 221	3
CORE 201	3
STAT 200	3
PSYC 230	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	15

Spring

COSD 225	3
CORE 202	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences or	
Health & Wellness	3
Humanities, Visual & Performing Arts	
Or Foreign Languages	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	15

JUNIOR YEAR*

Fall

COSD 301	4
COSD 316	3
B.S. Degree Course	3
EDSP 361 or PSYC 401	
Certification Course	3**
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	16

Spring

COSD 315	3
COSD 330	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
B.S. Degree course	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall

COSD 401	3
COSD 421	3
COSD 452	3
Elective (Not needed if COSD 403	
is taken in summer)	3
EDSP 469 Certification Course	<u>3**</u>
Total	15

Spring

COSD 425	3
COSD 438	3
COSD 453	3
EDEF 320 Certification Course	<u>3**</u>
Total	12

* To be admitted into COSD junior level courses, students must earn a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 and have completed 56 hours. Apply for admission in the Waldron College Advising Center.

**Certification courses are required for teacher certification. Students choosing not to complete these requirements must sign a waiver and replace courses with elective hours.

COSD 403 or COSD 511 is also required for certification but is only offered during the summer of each year.