SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.
More Info (https://one.uf.edu/soc/)

Unless otherwise indicated in the course description, all courses at the University of Florida are taught in English, with the exception of specific foreign language courses.

Department Information

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences works to improve the lives of people affected by communication and related disorders through excellence and innovation in clinical training, service, and research.
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Curriculum

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor
- Communication Sciences and Disorders UF Online
- Deaf and Hearing Sciences Minor

Courses

ASL 1110 American Sign Language 1 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
First in a series on American Sign Language concepts and principles; introduces receptive and expressive skills in formal and informal interactions. Signs, fingerspelling, numbers, and classifiers are practiced in conversational and storytelling contexts. Also introduces ASL literature and cultural information.

ASL 1120 American Sign Language 2 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Second in a series on American Sign Language concepts and principles; develops receptive and expressive skills in formal and informal interactions. Signs, fingerspelling, numbers, classifiers, and indexing are practiced in conversational and storytelling contexts. Familiarization with ASL culture and literary genres continues.
Prerequisite: ASL 1110.

ASL 1130 American Sign Language 3 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Advanced study of American Sign Language.
Prerequisite: ASL 1120.

COM 4930 Special Topics in Communication 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Seminar study of theory and research in a specific area of communication.
Prerequisite: COM 1000 or equivalent.

IDH 2931 Honors Seminar 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Special topics restricted to those in the university-wide Honors Program. (WR)
Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

LIN 3201 The Sounds of Human Language 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Emphasizes the sounds employed in languages of the world for a comprehensive understanding of the mechanism underlying the production of speech sounds and the ability to recognize, distinguish and phonetically transcribe speech sounds from an unfamiliar language. Includes investigation of the patterning and functions of sounds in languages of the world and application of the methods of analyzing a language sound system.
Prerequisite: LIN 2011 or LIN 3010.

LIN 4905 Individual Study in Linguistics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Individual study for linguistics majors.

SPA 3003 Phonetics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Phonetics is the study of speech sounds. Phonology is the study of the sound system of a language. In this class we are particularly interested in how the speech sounds of American English are made, and how we use the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) to represent sounds but we also will look at the science behind the production of speech sounds.
Prerequisite: PSY 2012 and CSD_BHS major and junior standing or higher.

SPA 3011 Speech Acoustics 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces scientific methodologies, physics of sound, acoustics, and elementary instrumentation related to human speech communication.
Prerequisite: (CSD_BHS) with junior standing or higher.

SPA 3032 Fundamentals of Hearing 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Concepts and principles relevant to the normal hearing processes: acoustics, gross anatomy, psychophysical methods, and basic subjective correlates of the auditory system.
Prerequisite: STA 2023 and Communication Sciences and Disorders major with junior standing or higher.

SPA 3101 Speech Anatomy and Physiology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces elementary anatomy, physiology, and neurophysiology of the speaking mechanism.
Prerequisite: (CSD_BHS) with junior standing or higher or (CSD_UMN).

SPA 3475 Deaf Culture in America 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides an overview of the lives and experiences of deaf and hard of hearing persons and examines the reasons why many deaf people consider themselves to belong to a unique cultural group. Discussions focus on deaf communities and cultures, signed languages, education, accessibility, literature, and other issues.
Prerequisite: (PSY 2012 and ASL 1110) and (CSD_BHS major or DHS_UMN).

SPA 3800 Critical Review of Scientific Evidence 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides scientific process concepts (inductive and deductive reasoning, foundations of inductive statistics, research design) as well as offering practice in critical thinking and avoiding the cognitive illusions that lead to invalid conclusions. The goal is to become critical consumers of information.
Prerequisite: STA 2023 or more advanced statistics course

SPA 4004 Language Development 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Examines typical patterns of language development across the life span. Various theoretical perspectives on language acquisition are presented and current information regarding the biological, social, and cognitive bases for language will be reviewed. Major communicative achievements that characterize the various stages of language development will be discussed.
Prerequisite: (CSD_BHS) with junior standing or higher or (CSD_UMN).

SPA 4050 Clinical Observations in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Supervised clinical observations of diagnostics and remediation at the UF Speech and Hearing Clinic.
Prerequisite: Communication Sciences and Disorders major with senior standing.

SPA 4104 Neural Basis of Communication 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Understanding the structures and functions of the human nervous system and the neurological processes involved in communication and communication disorders.
Prerequisite: SPA3101 with a grade of C or higher and Communication Sciences and Disorders major.

SPA 4106 Neuroplasticity and Rehabilitation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces foundational knowledge about neuroplasticity and how it impacts treatment design and implementation across all health sciences. Also introduces different types of rehabilitation approaches offered by the various health sciences.
Prerequisite: Junior standing & (CSD_BHS or HES_BHS major).

SPA 4250 Introduction to Speech Disorders 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies speech-based disorders of communication: phonology, motor speech, resonation, voice, and stuttering.
Prerequisite: LIN 2011, LIN 3010, or SPA3003 with a minimum grade of C and SPA3101 with a minimum grade of C and Communication Sciences and Disorders major.

SPA 4302 Intro to Audiology and Hearing 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduces the psychophysics of sound and the practice of audiology, as well as the anatomy and physiology of the auditory system. Also presents the common pathologies of the auditory system, the impact of hearing loss, the types and characteristics of hearing loss, the conventional procedures used to assess hearing, the interpretation of audiological test findings, and the criteria for initiating audiological referrals.
Prerequisite: PSY2012 and CSD_BHS with junior standing or higher, or DHS_UMN.

SPA 4321 Audiologic Rehabilitation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Overview of aural rehabilitation and methods in auditory training and speech reading with hearing-impaired individuals.
Prerequisite: SPA 4302 with a minimum grade of C and CSD_BHS and DHS_UMN.

SPA 4400 Introduction to Language Disorders 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Studies language-based disorders of communication: specific language impairment in children, traumatic brain injury, aphasia, and dementia.
Prerequisite: SPA 4004 and SPA 4104 with minimum grades of C and Communication Sciences and Disorders major.

SPA 4904 Individual Study 1-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
A project, reading, or research course.
Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

SPA 4931 Honors in Communication Sciences and Disorders 1-3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The design, implementation and reporting of an original research project.
Prerequisite: 3.5 overall GPA, a 3.75 GPA in the major and completion (including current enrollment) of 21 credits in the major.

SPC 4680 Rhetorical Criticism 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Critical analyses of rhetorical elements and processes in oratorical and non-oratorical forms.
Prerequisite: 3 credits of ENC or CRW or AML or ENG or ENL.