# Washington State University Pre-SHS Lower Division Course Plan

It takes 8 semesters of full time study to obtain a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences (SHS). The lower division (freshman & sophomore) years are completed at WSU Pullman. The upper division (junior & senior) years are completed in Spokane at the Washington State University Health Sciences campus. The following program of study is for the first four semesters and fulfills the UCORE requirements. Please see the back of this page for additional details.

## Freshman Fall Semester
- **Biology 106 (L) or 102 (L)**
  - Intro to Biology Organismal Biology or General Biology
  - 4 credits

- **Psychology 105**
  - Introductory Psychology
  - 3 credits

- **WRTG**
  - English 101
  - 3 credits

- **DIVR**
  - Anthropology 101 or 203
  - CES 101
  - 3 credits

- **ROOT**
  - History 105
  - 3 credits

**Total Credits**: 16

## Freshman Spring Semester
- **Biology 106 (L) or 102 (L)**
  - Intro to Biology Organismal Biology or General Biology
  - 4 credits

- **Psychology 105**
  - Introductory Psychology
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- **WRTG**
  - English 101
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  - Anthropology 101 or 203
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- **ROOT**
  - History 105
  - 3 credits

**Total Credits**: 16

## Sophomore Fall Semester
- **Elective**
  - 3 credits

- **SHS 205**
  - Intro to Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
  - 3 credits

- **Stat/Math 212 [QUAN]**
  - Introduction to Statistical Methods
  - 4 credits

- **Elective**
  - 3 credits

- **SHS Elective**
  - 3 credits

**Total Credits**: 16

## Sophomore Spring Semester
- **Elective**
  - 3 credits

- **Recommended SHS Elective* HD101**
  - Human Development Across the Lifespan
  - (If unable to enroll in HD 101, another SHS elective may be used to fulfill this credit)

- **Elective**
  - 3 credits

- **[HUM]**
  - Philosophy 103, 207, or 365
  - Humanity 101, 103
  - English 108, 110, 205 or 211
  - 3 credits

**Total Credits**: 15

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*SHS electives (15 credits required) include any course 200-level or above, in consultation with your advisor, that will support a good foundation in speech-language pathology or audiology. 100-level courses may be acceptable in certain disciplines. Note: Use other elective courses as needed. You should average 15 semester credits each term to equal a minimum of 60 semester credits needed for junior standing and admission to the upper division SHS courses.

NOTE: Some Pre-SHS students choose to use their required elective credits toward a minor in a related discipline. Disciplines for minor options may include human development, psychology, or biology, among others. Work with your advisor and consult with the department offering the minor to determine course requirements.
**Bolded and underlined courses:** These are your SHS prerequisite courses. All lower division coursework must be successfully completed by the end of spring sophomore term for fall admission. You must earn a C or better in all of these courses, and the overall GPA for these courses must be 2.0 or higher. The academic plan optimizes preparedness for certification. Courses are sequenced to optimally ‘build’ a successful pre-Speech and Hearing Sciences knowledge base. **Writing in the Major [M] and Integrative Capstone [CAPS] are completed during upper division coursework in Spokane.**

**Courses listed in brackets:** These are the lower division University Common Requirements (UCORE) that aren’t already being met by your SHS prerequisites. Below each requirement are suggestions of classes that fulfill this category. These courses have some flexibility as to when they can be taken. If you are struggling to fit a course into your schedule, please contact our office as we may be able to suggest a suitable alternative.

**Transfer courses:** If you plan to take courses at a college other than WSU, it is your responsibility to make sure they will transfer back to WSU as equivalent courses. The WSU Transfer Course Equivalency Website is a useful tool for this and is found online at: webapps.wsu.edu/ais/myinfoservices/darwintce/

**Writing Portfolio:** This needs to be completed before you leave the Pullman campus. You may purchase the Writing Portfolio Packet if you misplace the packet you received during orientation. It is useful to make about 6 copies of the cover sheet in order to have all excellent graded papers signed off by your professors as soon as possible. This strategy prevents difficulty in locating those professors two or three semesters later. See: www.juniorportfolio.wsu.edu for additional information.

**Use your WSU catalog:** Students are responsible to know the University Common Requirements listed in the catalog. The catalog is a resource for courses, academic regulations, tuition, graduation requirements, etc. You may need this information if you ever go to another university for an additional or advanced degree. It provides course descriptions that may be needed to transfer courses from WSU to another institution. The catalog is online at: catalog.wsu.edu.

**Work Closely with the Pre-Health Advising Office:**
- Always schedule your priority advising appointments BEFORE registration begins.
- Come to your advising appointments informed, prepared with questions, and with a schedule already written out.
- Notify the office if you are struggling in your courses. An advisor can suggest resources which may be able to help you achieve your academic and professional goals.
- You should meet with a Pre-Health advisor if you decide to change majors or certify in the SHS major.
- An informational meeting will be held each year to assist with the process of transitioning to the WSU Health Sciences campus in Spokane.

### SHS Prerequisite Courses

- Statistics or Math 212
- Psychology 105
- SHS 205
- Biology 106 (L) or 102 (L)
- Chemistry 101 (L) or Physics 101

*Admission to the undergraduate program is granted with a minimum GPA of 2.75. There is not an application process, however, you must meet with a Speech and Hearing Sciences advisor in order to certify in the major. This certification process typically takes place during the second semester of the sophomore year (48 credits).*

**Contact the Pre-Health Advising Office with questions!**

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