

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 Washington State University Spokane 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> [BSCI] Biology 106(L) or 102(L) Intro to Biology Organismal Biology or General Biology	4
<i>**If you need to take Math 100, you should take it this term and take the science requirement during a later semester. ** You must take 8 credits of science with one Biological Science, and either Chemistry 101 or Physics 101</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 105 Introductory Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] or [ROOT] English 101 or History 105	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [DIVR] Anthropology 101 or 203 CES 101	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS 205 Intro to Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology offered fall only	3
Total Credits	16

Freshman Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> [PSCI] Chemistry 101(L) Introduction to Chemistry or <input type="checkbox"/> [PSCI] Physics 101(L) General Physics	4
<input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] or [ROOT] English 101 or History 105	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [SSCI] Sociology 101 or 102: Introduction to Sociology (101) or Social Problems (102)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] or [COMM] Communication 102, English 201, or Human Development 205	3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS Elective*	3
Total Credits	16

Sophomore Fall Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> [QUAN] Stat 212 Introduction to Statistical Methods	4
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS Elective*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS Elective*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [ARTS] Choose from UCORE listing	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Elective	3
<i>*SHS electives 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.</i>	
<i>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.</i>	
Total Credits	16

Sophomore Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS Elective*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended SHS Elective* HD101: Human Development Across the Lifespan <i>(If unable to enroll in HD 101, another SHS elective may be used to fulfill this credit)</i>	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SHS Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> [HUM] Philosophy 103, 207, or 365 Humanity 101, 103 English 108, 110, 205 or 211	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Elective	3
<i>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.</i>	
Total Credits	15

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 a 2.8 or higher. The academic plan optimizes preparedness for certification. Courses are sequenced to optimally 'build' a successful pre-Speech and Hearing Sciences knowledge base and be successful in science based courses in the last two years of the degree. ****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. You must earn a minimum grade of C in each course. The overall GPA must be 2.8 or higher. 3.0 or higher is strongly recommended to be eligible to apply to Graduate programs.

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. More information can be found through the WSU Transfer Clearinghouse: www.transfercredit.wsu.edu

Writing Portfolio: This needs to be completed before you leave the Pullman campus. You may purchase the Writing Portfolio Packet at the bookstore. 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. More information may be found at www.writingprogram.wsu.edu.

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: www.catalog.wsu.edu.

Work Closely with the Health Professions Student Center:

- Always schedule your priority advising appointments BEFORE registration begins through Navigate.
- 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. Your advisor can suggest resources which may be able to help you achieve your academic and professional goals.
- If you wish to change your major you should meet with the department you wish to switch to. If unsure, talk with your SHS advisor.
- An informational meeting with the Spokane SHS Advisor will be held each year to assist with the process of transitioning to the WSU Health Sciences campus in Spokane.

Contact the Health Professions Student Center with questions!

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