DEPARTMENT OF AUDIOLOGY, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND DEAF STUDIES

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Programs Of The Department

The Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies Department offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs devoted to the enhancement of all forms of human communication. The blending of three distinct programs into one department creates a unique learning experience for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology major is a pre-professional degree program designed for students who want to pursue careers as audiologists or speech-language pathologists. Both careers require graduate study. The undergraduate degree prepares students for admission into both types of graduate programs. The Deaf Studies major is designed for students who want to learn about the culture and community of the Deaf while gaining proficiency in American Sign Language. The department is one of a few programs in the nation to offer the option of a double major in Deaf Studies and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The double major prepares students for further study in either field and is designed to be completed in four years. We also offer a minor in Deaf Studies. Interested students should check the department website for additional information about these programs, www.towson.edu/asld.

In order to continue in and graduate with a department major, students are required to earn a grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher in all required pre-major or major courses, in addition to attaining the overall cumulative GPA required by the university. Any student earning a grade equivalent below a 2.00 in any required major course must repeat the course. Those who earn a grade equivalent below a 2.00 in more than one major course are not allowed to continue in the program.

Student Activities

Students in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology are encouraged to participate in the campus chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Deaf Studies students are encouraged to join the ASL Club. In addition, the ASLD Department encourages students to consider living in the American Sign Language Residential Living Community (ASL RLC). Students in the ASL RLC have the opportunity to enhance their ASL skills as part of the residence life experience.

SPPA Programs For Students With Undergraduate Degrees In Other Majors

The department offers two programs for students who do not have undergraduate degrees in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. These are the Graduate Program in Audiology and the Second Bachelor’s Degree Program.

Graduate Program in Audiology

Students with an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher are encouraged to apply to the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Graduate Program. Students must complete the Au.D. program prerequisite courses prior to admission, or while they are completing the graduate degree.

Students apply directly to University Admissions by January 15 and must submit GRE scores. For more information consult the department website (www.towson.edu/asld) or contact the graduate program director in Audiology at jsmart@towson.edu.

Second Bachelor’s Degree Program

The second bachelor’s degree is for students who are not eligible for the Graduate Program. This is a two-year, full-time undergraduate program beginning in the fall term only. Second Bachelor’s Degree students take all required courses with the exception of already completed courses from the first degree. Graduates are eligible to apply to any graduate program. Students must apply to the university for admission to this program, then declare the major. Application information is available from the Second Bachelor’s Degree Office at 410-704-3974. The application deadline is April 30.

Speech-Language Pathology And Audiology Admission Requirements

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SPPA) B.S. degree is a screened major with a maximum of 70 students admitted each year. Admission to Towson University does not guarantee admission into this major. Interested students begin the program as “Premajor” students (PSPA major), then apply for admission to the SPPA major once the premajor courses are completed. Admission to the SPPA major requires: a) completing all of the admission steps listed below, b) a minimum GPA of 2.80 or better in 5 premajor courses (see below), and c) a minimum GPA of 2.50 or better for the last 30 credits of courses. Students are admitted into the major in June of each year. Students who wish to be admitted to the major must complete the following steps during the PSPA premajor year.

1. Officially declare the PSPA premajor in PeopleSoft.
2. Review the online pre-major video and submit the pre-major application (see www.towson.edu/asld for directions). Transfer students should contact the department as soon as they are admitted to the university, and no later than March 31 to be considered for admission to the SPPA major by the following fall. For more information about transfer student procedures, please visit www.towson.edu/asld/undergraduate/speechaudiology/transferstudentpolicy.asp
3. Complete 5 premajor courses with a grade of 2.00 or better before consideration for admission to the major. Courses can be taken at Towson University or transferred from other universities. See the admission requirements in this catalog for more information.
4. Complete a speech, language, hearing and voice screening at the Towson University Hearing & Balance/Speech & Language Center located at the Institute for Well-Being. Screenings are held during the first week of each term. Students who declare the major in the spring term who are admitted for the following fall must schedule this screening during the first term of the program.

Premajor Course Requirements (16–19 units)

ENGL 102 WRITING FOR A LIBERAL EDUCATION
or ENGL 190  HONORS WRITING SEMINAR
PSYC 101  INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY 3
or PSYC 102  HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Select one of the following: 3-4
MATH 111  FINITE MATHEMATICS
MATH 109  TRANSITION TO ALGEBRA FOR APPLICATIONS
MATH 115  BASIC MATHEMATICS FOR THE SCIENCES
   (Recommended.)
MATH 119  PRE-CALCULUS  (Recommended.)

BIOL 190  INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS 4
or BIOL 201  INTRODUCTION TO CELL BIOLOGY AND GENETICS

Select one course from Category A or B (students must complete both categories as a graduation requirement but only one category during the premajor year):

Category A - Physical Science
CHEM 121 & 121L  ALLIED HEALTH CHEMISTRY I LECTURE
   and ALLIED HEALTH CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY
CHEM 131 & 131L  GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LECTURE
   and GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY
PHYS 202  GENERAL PHYSICS FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES
PHYS 211  GENERAL PHYSICS I, NON CALCULUS-BASED

Category B - Social/Behavioral Science
SOCI 101  INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
   or SOCI 102  HONORS INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
ANTH 207  CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
   or ANTH 210  HONORS CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
EDUC 203  TEACHING AND LEARNING IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY

Complete a minimum of 27 units of study (including the 5 premajor courses)
Complete a speech, language, hearing and voice screening at the Towson University Hearing & Balance/Speech & Language Center located at the Institute for Well-Being. Screenings are held during the first week of each term. Transfer students who are not screened during the premajor year must complete the screening during their first term of enrollment at Towson University. Students who have communication disorders or dialects of English that would affect their ability to interact with clients will be encouraged to seek treatment.

Total Units 16-19

Admission decisions are made in early June. All materials are due in the main office by May 31. Transfer students must send official transcripts to the ASLD department by this date if their transfer courses are included in the last 30 credits of course work. This is in addition to transcripts sent to the Towson University admissions office. Eligible students are ranked using the combined average of the premajor GPA and 30-credit GPA. The top 70 students are then selected for admission into the major. Students who do not get into the program can choose to try again the following year. For more information, refer to the admission requirements in this catalog, or the department website, www.towson.edu/asld.

**Majors in Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies**
- Major in Deaf Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/audiology-speech-language-pathology-deaf-studies/deaf-studies)
- Minor in Deaf Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/audiology-speech-language-pathology-deaf-studies/deaf-studies-minor)