Communication Disorders (CDIS)

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Description and Requirements for the Master of Science Degree:
(Minimum 36 academic credit hours, not counting clinical practicum credit hours.) The M.S. degree program in communication disorders (emphasis in speech-language pathology) is designed to ensure that all degree candidates meet the minimum academic and clinical practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The program is accredited by ASHA’s Council on Academic Accreditation. The degree program requires a minimum of five academic semesters to complete, including continuous enrollment in the summer session between the first and second years. Thesis and non-thesis options are available. All candidates for the M.S. degree are required to pass a written comprehensive examination.

Prerequisites to Degree Program: Applicants to the M.S. degree in speech-language pathology are expected to have completed prerequisite course work in normal speech, language, and hearing functions, normal development, and speech-language and hearing disorders, as well as biological and physical sciences, behavioral and social sciences, and mathematics. Prospective applicants with undergraduate degrees in other disciplines should contact the Program Adviser for further information.

To be considered for admission to graduate study in communication disorders (emphasis in speech-language pathology), applicants must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in undergraduate course work and must submit transcripts of all college-level coursework, a personal statement, and three letters of recommendation from persons competent to judge the applicant’s potential for graduate studies. All applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination for full consideration. Students are only accepted for Fall admission. The application deadline is February 1 and must be completed using the CSDCAS centralized electronic application process (see the CDIS program website for details). Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Admission decisions are based on demonstrated graduate potential as well as best fit for the program.