

# Communicative Disorders, 2nd BA, 2nd BS

**Department:** Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education Department

**College:** Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

## Overview

### About This Degree

The second bachelor's degree in communicative disorders is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree in another field but need the prerequisite coursework to be considered for admission into graduate programs in [speech-language pathology](#) or [audiology](#). The entire program is offered online and can be completed in three semesters, or can be finished at a more leisurely pace according to the student's needs.

Speech-language pathologists work with individuals of all ages who have difficulties communicating, learning to communicate, feeding, or swallowing. This may include infants with feeding disorders or children with speech, language, hearing, or literacy development problems. It may also include children and adults who stutter, have voice disorders, or suffer speech, language, and swallowing problems as the consequence of neurological disease or stroke.

Audiologists evaluate and manage individuals who are suspected or have been identified as having differences associated with hearing. Audiologists conduct testing to help identify hearing loss, select and fit hearing aids, program cochlear implants, and provide aural rehabilitation.

Students receive a second **BS** by completing all required courses in the program. To receive a second **BA**, students must also gain proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

### Distance Education

The [communicative disorders degree \(2nd BS\)](#) is only available online through [USU-Online](#).

## Career Options

This degree is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree in another field but need the prerequisite coursework to be considered for admission into graduate programs in speech language pathology or audiology. With graduate degrees in these fields, students are eligible to work in the following areas:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Rehabilitation centers
- Nursing facilities
- Home health care centers
- Community centers
- Private practice settings

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

## What it takes

### Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's [admissions requirements](#), students applying for this program must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the communicative disorders information form available on the department website
- Maintain 3.0 in the program

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

## Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Second Bachelor or Arts**.

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Second Bachelor of Science**.

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## Get Involved

### Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:** ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally.

**Hearing Loss Association of America:** HLAA is the nation's leading organization representing people with hearing loss. HLAA provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss.

**National Association of the Deaf:** NAD is the nation's leading civil rights organization of, by, and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States. It believes in the right of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have its interests represented at the national level.

**National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association:** NSSLHA is the national organization for students interested in the study of normal and disordered human communication. The USU chapter is an active group that provides service to the community in the areas of language and literacy, elementary school student tutoring projects, as well as support for humanitarian efforts to orphanages with children with communication disorders.