

# 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	Freshman Spring Semester	Sophomore Fall Semester	Sophomore Spring Semester
<input type="checkbox"/> [BSCI] <b>Biology 106(L) or 102(L)</b> 4 Intro to Biology Organismal Biology or General Biology  <i>**If you need to take Math 100, you should take it this term and take the science requirement during a later semester.</i> <i>** You must take 8 credits of science with one Biological Science, and either Chemistry 101 or Physics 101</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> [SSCI] 3 <b>Psych 105</b> Introductory Psychology  <input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] 3 English 101* {or} <input type="checkbox"/> [ROOT] History 105* <i>(Whichever is Freshman Focus)</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS 205</b> 3 Intro to Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology offered fall only  <input type="checkbox"/> Electives 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/> [PSCI] <b>Physics 101(L)</b> 4 General Physics or <input type="checkbox"/> [PSCI] <b>Chemistry 101(L)</b> Introduction to Chemistry  <input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] 3 English 101 {or} <input type="checkbox"/> [ROOT] History 105  <input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] or [COMM] 3 or 4 Communication 102, English 201, Soc 103, or Human Development 205(4)  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS Elective*</b> 3  *SOME ELECTIVE SUGGESTIONS: PHIL 365, PSYCH 230, 321, 333, OR 361, ANY ANTHROPOLOGY, HD 204 OR UPPER DIVISION, ANY WOMEN'S STUDIES ANY FOREIGN LANGUAGE TCH_LRN 301	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommended SHS Elective* HD101:</b> 3 Human Development Across the Lifespan  <input type="checkbox"/> [QUAN] 4 <b>Stat/Math 212</b> Introduction to Statistical Methods  <input type="checkbox"/> [ARTS] 3 Choose from UCORE list  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS Elective*</b> 3  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS Elective*</b> 3  <i>*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.</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>	<input type="checkbox"/> [HUM] 3 Philosophy 103, 207, or 365 Humanity 101, 103 English 108, 110, 205 or 211  <input type="checkbox"/> [DIVR] 3 Anthropology 101 or 203 CES 101  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS Elective*</b> 3  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHS Elective*</b> 3  <input type="checkbox"/> Electives 4  <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>  <i>NOTE: This is the semester you will submit your undergraduate writing portfolio.</i>
Total Credits 14-15	Total Credits 13-14	Total Credits 16	Total Credits 16

***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 2.0 or higher. The academic plan optimizes preparedness for certification. Courses are sequenced to optimally 'build' a successful pre-Speech and Hearing Sciences knowledge base. An cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher is required to certify into the major and move to Spokane.

***\*\*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. More information can be found by in the transfer clearinghouse: <https://transfercredit.wsu.edu>

***Writing Portfolio:*** This needs to be completed before you leave the Pullman campus. Information on what is required and the process to complete this can be found on the website: <https://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: <https://catalog.wsu.edu>.

***Work Closely with the Health Professions Student Center:***

- 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. Your advisor can suggest resources which may be able to help you achieve your academic and professional goals.
- If you wish to change majors you must meet with an advisor in the new major department.
- The advisor for the SHS program in Spokane will be listed as a secondary advisor. You will certify into the major with their approval.

***Speech and Hearing Science Prerequisite Courses***

Statistics 212\* Psychology 105\* SHS 205\* Biology 106 or 102\* Chemistry 101 or Physics 101

*Admission to the undergraduate program is granted with a minimum GPA of 2.8. There is not an application process, however, you must meet with a Speech and Hearing Sciences advisor to certify in the major. This certification process typically takes place during the second semester of the sophomore year.*

**Contact the Health Professions Student Center with questions!**

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