How to prepare for graduate school in speech pathology, audiology, or communicative sciences and disorders: A guide for NYU Linguistics majors
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A career in speech pathology or communicative sciences and disorders (CSD) is an option that some Linguistics majors pursue after graduating from NYU. Often, masters programs in CSD have requirements that must be completed as part of a student’s undergraduate program. As of February 2019, Linguistics majors can complete these pre-baccalaureate requirements by taking three courses in Steinhardt’s CSD department that will (a) count as electives for the Linguistics major and (b) not count toward students’ 16 credits outside of CAS.

In addition to the 6 area requirements for the Linguistics major (Intro, Phonetics, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Sociolinguistics), the major also includes 3 electives. Students wishing to prepare for graduate school in CSD may take the following 3 courses in NYU Steinhardt’s CSD department as their electives. These count toward the major and are 12 credits beyond the normal 16-credit limit that CAS students may use outside of CAS.

Approved electives for the Linguistics major
CSCD-UE 221 Intro to Audiology
CSCD-UE 231 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
CSCD-UE 241 Neuroanatomy and Physiology of Communication

Aside from these courses, almost all speech pathology/CSD programs require a course in child language acquisition. This can be fulfilled in the Linguistics department:

Additional required course for most programs
LING-UA 59 Language Acquisition

Although the requirements for applying to a masters program in speech pathology or CSD differ by program, most programs will want one or two more courses beyond these four. If you are interested in the masters program in NYU’s CSD department in particular, you will also need the following course in addition to the four courses listed above:

Further required course for the masters program in NYU’s CSD department
CSCD-UE 1701 Introduction to Speech & Language Disorders in Children

Other speech pathology departments may have other requirements. In consultation with our colleagues in Steinhardt’s CSD department, it has been determined that the two following courses are the most likely to be required, in addition to LING-UA 59. You could take these to cover your bases, or you could research particular programs of interest to determine which, if any, of these courses (or others taught in Steinhardt’s CSD department) would be necessary.

Courses possibly required by some masters programs
CSCD-UE 1901 Clinical Methods in Communicative Sciences and Disorders
CSCD-UE 1222 Audiology: Intervention Strategies Across the Lifespan

If you are interested in pursuing a pathway to graduate school in speech pathology/CSD, we are happy to further consult with you. If you are interested in minoring in CSD, please see the requirements at https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/csd/bachelor/minor.