

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, 4+1 BA-MS - 41SP

The 4 + 1 BA-MS program in Speech Language Pathology is an accelerated track that provides students with a foundation in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences as well as professional preparation to meet certification standards and licensure requirements for entering clinical practice.

The program includes six semesters of undergraduate pre-professional requirements taken during the first three years and six semesters of professional graduate requirements taken during the fourth and fifth years of study. The program integrates undergraduate and graduate studies into a five-year bachelor's to master's program. To earn a bachelor's and master's degree in Speech Language Pathology, students will need to complete 24 hours in the major during the six semesters of pre-professional preparation and 59.5 credit hours in the major during the six semesters of professional preparation. Students will complete 45 hours of Sophia Program courses and elective credit hours of non-departmental course requirements for a total of 128 hours to earn a bachelor's degree in Speech Language Pathology at the end of the fourth year (before earning the master's at the end of the fifth year).

All entering students intending to pursue the 4+1 BA-MS program must declare their intention to the department upon admission. The program requires careful planning and advising beginning in the first semester of the first year of study.

Admission for undergraduate students to the BA- MS Program

Saint Mary's undergraduate students meeting the prerequisites set forth below may apply to the BA-MS program during the second semester of their junior year. Applications are due on January 15. Applicants who submit after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis only. In order to apply to the BA- MS program, Saint Mary's students must have:

- At least junior standing at the application due date.
- A minimum overall cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 at the application due date.
- Completed the following prerequisite courses or be enrolled in at the application due date: SLP 220, 230, 240, 310, 330, 340, 412, 420.
- Earned at least a GPA of 3.25 in the foundation SLP courses (SLP 220, 230, 240, 310 and 330) at Saint Mary's College.
- Completed the following required supporting courses at the application due date:
 - Natural Science (NSN/NSL): Students must take one Biology course and one course in EITHER Physics or Chemistry
 - Biology: BIO 109/L (Marine Biology), BIO 110L (Understanding Women's Cancers), BIO 112 (Evolution for Everyone), BIO 120 (Human Genetics)
 - Chemistry: CHEM 101/L (Mystery, Mayhem and Murder), CHEM 102 (Chemistry for the Citizen)
 - Physics: PHYS 102 (Introductory Topics in Physics: Energy), PHYS 111L (College Physics I: Mechanics and Waves)
 - Lifespan Developmental
 - PSYC 201L/ 401 (Child Development/ Psychology of Adult Development and Aging) OR
 - PSYC 305 (Lifespan Developmental Psychology)
- Met the essential functions required to practice as a speech-language pathologist
- Successfully completed a criminal background check, fingerprint check, and drug screen before entering the Speech Pathology BA -MS program.

Major Requirements (59.5-62.5) Recommended Plan of Study

Undergraduate

First Year

First Semester		Credits
Fall Semester - Semester 1 Pre-Professional		
SLP 220	Introduction to Communicative Disorders	3
PSYC 156 or PSYC 157	Introduction to Psychology: Culture and Systems (Sophia Course) or Introduction to Psychology: Science for the Citizen	3
BIO 105 or BIO 110	Cells to Self (Sophia NSN Requirement) or Understanding Women's Cancers	4
Sophia/Electives		5
Credits		15

Second Semester

Spring Semester -Semester 2 Pre-Professional		
SLP 230	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism	3
Sophia/Electives		12
Credits		15

Second Year

First Semester

Fall Semester - Semester 3 Pre-Professional		
SLP 240	Phonetics	3
Recommended Study Abroad Semester		
PSYC 201	Child Development (Supporting Lifespan Developmental recommended)	3
PHYS 111	College Physics I: Mechanics and Waves (Supporting NSN or NSL recommended)	4
Sophia/Electives		8
Credits		18

Second Semester

Spring Semester - Semester 4 Pre-Professional		
SLP 310	Child Language Development	3
SLP 330	Speech and Hearing Sciences	3
Sophia/Electives		12
Credits		18

Third Year

First Semester

Fall Semester-Semester 5 Pre-Professional		
SLP 340	Audiology for the Speech-Language Pathologist	3
SOC 372	Sociological Statistics	3

Sophia/Electives		12	SLP 524	Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
Credits		18	SLP 586	Clinical Practicum	2
Second Semester			Credits		9
Spring Semester - Semester 6 Pre-Professional					
SLP 412	Clinical Methods and Supervised Observation	3	Fourth Semester		
SLP 420	Aural Rehabilitation	3	Summer Session - Semester 6 Professional		
Sophia/Electives		12	SLP 587	Advanced Clinical Practicum	6
Credits		18	Credits		6
Fourth Year			Total Credits		35
First Semester					
Fall Semester - Semester 1 Professional					
SLP 502	Assessment	3			
SLP 503	Speech Sound Disorders	3			
SLP 505	Early Childhood Language Disorders	3			
SLP 512	Neurology for Speech-Language Pathologists	3			
SLP 584	Clinical Practicum: Proseminar	1			
Credits		13			
Second Semester					
Spring Semester - Semester 2 Professional					
SLP 506	Later Childhood Language Disorders	3			
SLP 508	Adult Language Disorders I	3			
SLP 510	Research Methods in Speech-Language Pathology	3			
SLP 516	Motor Speech Disorders	3			
SLP 585	Clinical Practicum	1			
Credits		13			
Total Credits		128			

128 Credits are required for undergraduate degree

Graduate

First Year

First Semester		Credits
Summer Semester - Semester 3 Professional		
SLP 517	Fluency	3
SLP 522	Dysphagia	3
SLP 523	Multi-Cultural Populations: Communication Disorders Across Cultures	2
SLP 585	Clinical Practicum	1
Credits		9

Second Semester

Fall Semester - Semester 4 Professional		
SLP 509	Adult Language Disorders II	3
SLP 520	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	3
SLP 525	Counseling	3
SLP 586	Clinical Practicum	2
Credits		11

Third Semester

Spring Semester - Semester 5 Professional		
SLP 518	Voice	2
SLP 521	Cleft Palate	2