

Communication Sciences and Disorders

TOP 10 Frequently Asked Questions from Undergraduates

1. If I declare Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) as my major, when can I begin taking classes in the major?
 - a. You cannot begin taking any CSD 300+ level classes until you have officially been accepted to the CSD undergraduate program.
 - b. The only exception to this rule is that you can take CSD 250 Concepts in Communication Sciences without being officially accepted in the major. We do recommend taking this class before you apply because it's an introduction course that will assist you in ensuring that this program is right for you.
 - c. Once accepted the undergraduate program, classes begin the fall semester.

2. When am I officially accepted into the CSD undergraduate program?
 - a. You cannot apply until after you have completed 55 credit hours and have a GPA of at least 3.0. Typically, traditional students will apply towards the end of your sophomore year.
 - b. If you are a career shift student, you must also have a GPA of at least 3.0 to apply. Additionally, ensure that you have completed a biological science, physical science, statistics and social or behavioral science before completing your Masters. We highly recommend that these courses are completed before graduate school.
 - c. We accept all applications in May for the following Fall semester. Check the website for the exact deadline date. <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/bs/>.
 - d. You can apply to the program before the May deadline, but acceptance is not given until after the May deadline each year.
 - e. Students who are accepted into the CSD undergraduate program will be notified within 2 weeks of the deadline date.

3. How many students are accepted to the undergraduate CSD program?
 - a. We accept approximately 60-65 students every spring to begin their studies the following Fall semester.

4. What undergraduate courses are required outside the major in order to graduate?
 - a. You must complete a biological science, a physical science, a social or behavioral science and statistics.
 - b. You would compete all other required general education courses based on the requirements of UNCG's undergraduate graduation requirements.

5. What GPA must I maintain to stay in the program?
 - a. You must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA in the major to stay in the program.

6. Is it ok to make a C in the program?
 - a. You can obtain C's in your undergraduate CSD courses, but your advisor will likely encourage you to retake your classes in which you have C's. Why? You need a high GPA

to get into graduate school and the more C's you have, the lower your GPA, which may affect your chances of getting into graduate school.

- b. If you obtain a D+ or lower, you must retake the course and you will be on academic probation. You must obtain a C after retaking or you will be dismissed from the program.
7. What online courses are offered?
 - a. Most of the CSD classes are taught in a classroom setting. There are a couple that are online.
 - b. Why do we do this? We want you to get to know your professors and classmates and have a learning experience in the classroom. There are some areas of the profession that must be experienced in a face-to-face setting.
 - c. Also, you want to develop relationships with your professors to enhance your learning experience and to facilitate acquiring letters of recommendation when you are applying for graduate school.
 8. Can I take classes out of order?
 - a. No. Our program has a sequence that everyone must follow. You take fall class, then spring. The reason is to prepare you for the next segment of classes. You can't take them out of order.
 - b. Visit our website for a complete breakdown of the courses and the year of study you will complete them. <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/bs/plan-of-study/>
 9. Do I have to get my graduate degree to be a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)?
 - a. Yes. You cannot practice as an SLP in the US without a master's degree in SLP.
 - b. In addition, you have to pass a Praxis exam along with obtaining your master's degree.
 10. What do I do if I don't get into a graduate SLP program?
 - a. You can practice in the state of Virginia as a SLP-A (assistant) with the courses you have completed in the undergraduate CSD Disorders program here at UNCG. However, no other state recognizes these courses.
 - b. To get SLP-A training, you can look locally at acceptance to Catawba College or Fayetteville Tech. There are other programs throughout the US that you can explore obtaining a SLP-A training/certification from.

If you have further questions, visit our website at <http://csd.wp.uncg.edu/students/bs/>. Also, feel free to reach out to our Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Amy Myers at ammyers2@uncg.edu.



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