SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (SLPA)

SLPA 101 Beginning American Sign Language I
Description: Beginning course in American Sign Language (ASL). Development of vocabulary and grammatical structures of ASL. Receptive and expressive skill development. Easy ASL video literature.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 102; SLPA 201

SLPA 102 Beginning American Sign Language II
Prerequisites: SLPA 101.
Description: Beginning course in American Sign Language (ASL). Development of vocabulary and grammatical structures of ASL. Receptive and expressive skill development. Easy ASL video literature.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 201

SLPA 150 Communication Processes and Disorders
Description: Introduction to the speech, language, and hearing problems of children and adults. Identification and understanding of different types of communication disorders; appropriate referrals; general orientation to the field of speech-language pathology and audiology. Normal speech and language development. Clinical observations may be required.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

SLPA 201 Second Year American Sign Language I
Prerequisites: SLPA 101 and 102.
Description: Conversational American Sign Language (ASL). Idiomatic uses of ASL. Use of ASL for creative expression. Extensive viewing, translation and discussion of videotaped ASL conversations and literature.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 202

SLPA 202 Second Year American Sign Language II
Prerequisites: SLPA 201.
Description: Conversational American Sign Language (ASL). Idiomatic uses of ASL. Use of ASL for creative expression. Extensive viewing, translation and discussion of videotaped ASL conversations and literature.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

SLPA 230 The Brain and Human Communication
Description: Scientific background for understanding brain functions as applied to normal human communication and communication disorders. How the brain engages in visual communication, auditory communication, attention, organization, memory, and expression.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science

SLPA 250 Descriptive Phonetics and Normal Speech Development
Description: Theories of acquisition and development, phoneme classification and factors affecting phonological systems. Development of proficiency in phonetic transcription.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 251 Normal Language Development
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing.
Description: Description of the normal language acquisition process in children; theories of language development and factors influencing language acquisition.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

SLPA 271 Hearing and Balance I
Description: Identification of the deaf or hard of hearing. Etiologies and pathologies of hearing impairment. Basic testing techniques of pure tone and speech audiometry.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 472; SLPA 473

SLPA 397A Introduction and Observation
Prerequisites: Admission to the Pre-Professional Program in speech-language pathology and audiology.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 497

SLPA 398 Special Topics in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Prerequisites: Permission.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 399 Independent Study
Prerequisites: Permission.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: IND
SLPA 421 Professional Issues for the Communication Disorders Specialist
Prerequisites: Senior standing
Description: Professional issues as they relate to the speech-language professional. Legal aspects, program issues, and administrative responsibilities.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

SLPA 441 Methods for the Communication Disorders Specialist
Prerequisites: Senior standing
Description: Specific methods for planning, organizing and delivering clinical services in speech-language pathology.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 450 Audiology for Educators of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Crosslisted with: SLPA 850
Description: Anatomy and physiology of hearing; components of adequate evaluation for placement and educational planning; diagnosis using audiogram, functional and communication assessment; stimulation and utilization of residual hearing; and management of assistive and/or augmentative devices.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 452 Normal Language Development During School Years
Crosslisted with: SLPA 852
Description: Normal syntactic, semantic, and pragmatic language development in school-age children and youth. Complex syntax, semantic development, pragmatic development, using language to learn, language-literacy relations, and abstract language development.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 453 Neurological Foundations of Speech and Language
Description: To gain a working knowledge of the organization (neuroanatomy) and function (neurophysiology) of the central and peripheral nervous system in relation to motor control, somatosensory physiology, vocalization, central pattern generation, speech, and language production. Special consideration is directed towards the neurology of human communication processes, speech and language; classification of impairments (sensory, motor, integrative functions) according to the site of lesion(s).
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 454 Research Methodology in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Crosslisted with: SLPA 854
Prerequisites: Speech-language pathology and audiology major
Description: Introduction to research principles, methods, and design. Survey and critique of research in special education and communication disorders.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: SLPA 487

SLPA 455 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
Prerequisites: SLPA 250
Description: Normal anatomical structures involved in speech and hearing and the consequences of their actions.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

SLPA 456 Speech and Hearing Science
Prerequisites: SLPA 250 or permission
Description: Nature, propagation, and analysis of sound; the sensation and perception of sound.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

SLPA 461 Language Disorders: Preschool Level
Crosslisted with: SLPA 861
Prerequisites: Parallel SLPA 461L/861L.
Description: Characteristics of language impaired preschool children and the nature of their disorders. Introduction to principles of assessment and treatment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SLPA 464 Phonological Disorders
Prerequisites: SLPA 250
Description: Assessment and remediation of phonological disorders.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
SLPA 472 Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation  
**Prerequisites:** SLPA 271 or equivalent  
**Description:** Introduction to materials and educational methodologies and models for rehabilitation of the deaf or hard of hearing. Review of levels of communication, information processing, auditory training, and speech reading.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

SLPA 473 Hearing and Balance II  
**Prerequisites:** SLPA 271  
**Description:** Fundamental clinical audiology techniques beyond basic pure tone testing, including advanced pure tone testing techniques; bone conduction measurement theory and procedures; masking theory and techniques; speech audiometry; and impedance audiometry.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

SLPA 484 Research Issues  
**Description:** Ethics and responsibilities associated with the conduct of research, including scientific conduct, data custody and management, establishing and promoting good laboratory practices, defining a project/study team (authorship, roles, responsibilities), due process and investigator protections in alleged cases of scientific fraud, human and animal protection, research dissemination modes and grant funding.  
**Credit Hours:** 4  
**Max credits per semester:** 4  
**Max credits per degree:** 4  
**Format:** LEC  
**Offered:** FALL/SPR

SLPA 486 Augmentative Communication  
**Crosslisted with:** SLPA 886  
**Description:** Introduction to the augmentative communication options for persons unable to speak or write because of physical, language, or cognitive disability.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC  
**Prerequisite for:** SLPA 984

SLPA 487 Research Rotation and Reflection  
**Prerequisites:** SLPA 454 or SLPA 854  
**Description:** Gain research experience in laboratories affiliated with the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders under the supervision of research faculty.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC  
**Offered:** FALL/SPR

SLPA 488 Linguistic Needs of Bilingual and Culturally Different Students  
**Crosslisted with:** SLPA 888  
**Prerequisites:** SLPA 250 and 251  
**Description:** Theoretical and applied information about situational factors which have an impact on spoken and written language; addresses how individual differences due to gender, handicapping conditions, socio-economic status, and cultural-ethnic background contribute to diversity in communication patterns and often act as a barrier to successful interactions in learning and social settings.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC  
**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

SLPA 490 Workshop Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 1-12  
**Min credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 12  
**Max credits per degree:** 12  
**Format:** LEC

SLPA 496 Readings and Research in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
**Crosslisted with:** SLPA 896  
**Prerequisites:** Permission.  
**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Min credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** IND

SLPA 497 Practicum in Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders  
**Prerequisites:** SLPA 397A.  
**Credit Hours:** 1  
**Max credits per semester:** 1  
**Max credits per degree:** 1  
**Format:** IND

SLPA 499H Honors Thesis  
**Prerequisites:** Good standing in the University Honors Program or by invitation.  
**Description:** Conduct a scholarly research project and write a University Honors Program or undergraduate thesis.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** IND