

HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES MINOR

Hearing and Speech Sciences (HESP)

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This course sequence acquaints students with the primary basic science background in the speech, language and hearing sciences, and permits students to select two courses in the specific professional areas of speech language pathology or audiology.

This minor serves two different purposes:

1. A minor in HESP can be used to **complement** a major in a related field such as Special Education, Human Development, Linguistics, Psychology, Education or a Foreign Language. It allows a student to understand the relationship between speech, language and hearing, normal development, and their related disorders. It also encourages collaboration between this discipline and related ones.
2. This minor can also be utilized for students who are in other majors but have decided to **pursue graduate studies in either Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology**. These courses are widely viewed as potential pre-requisites to such programs and constitute a **proportion, but not all**, of the prerequisites needed for eventual certification with an M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology or an Au. D. in Audiology. Additional coursework would be required by any graduate program and by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. Any student interested in pursuing a HESP Minor for this purpose is strongly encouraged to meet with the HESP Academic Advisor to ensure that eventual educational goals are properly addressed.

The HESP minor **DOES NOT** qualify an individual to work professionally as a Speech-Language Pathologist, or an Audiologist, but does provide a **proportion but not all** of the coursework required to practice in the State of Maryland as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant.

REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
HESP202	Introduction to Hearing and Speech Sciences	3
HESP300	Introduction to Psycholinguistics	3
HESP400	Speech and Language Development in Children	3
HESP403	Introduction to Phonetic Science	3
HESP407	Bases of Hearing Science (Offered spring semester only)	3
Elective Area		
Select two courses in one of the two following elective areas		6
Elective Option 1 (Speech-Language Pathology Focus):		
HESP305	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism (Offered fall semester only)	

In addition to HESP305, select one of the following Disorder classes:

HESP402	Language and Phonological Disorders in Children (Offered spring semester only)
HESP404	
HESP406	Acquired Neurogenic Communication Disorders in Adults
HESP498	Seminar (Topics vary)
Elective Option 2 (Audiology focus):	
HESP311	Anatomy, Pathology and Physiology of the Auditory System (Offered spring semester only)
HESP411	Introduction to Audiology
Total Credits	21

Notes:

- All classes must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.
- As with HESP majors, students must obtain a grade of "C-" or better in a class in order to enroll in any courses that require that class as a prerequisite.
- Students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average across all courses used to satisfy the minor requirements.