

Communication Studies and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, BS (Boston)

The combined Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies and Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology offers an interdisciplinary approach to human communication and its disorders. Coursework focuses on the scientific and theoretical frameworks of speech, language, and hearing. Students will also be introduced to the fundamentals of communication theory, and they have an opportunity to acquire the practical skills necessary to thrive in a complex and changing society. The curriculum is enhanced by experiential learning opportunities in a clinical setting that prepare the students for a variety of professional careers.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

First-Year Seminar

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 1000 or SLPA 1000	Communication Studies at Northeastern College: An Introduction	1

Communication Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
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No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Communication Studies Common Requirements

COMM 1101	Introduction to Communication Studies	4
COMM 1112 or COMM 2301	Public Speaking Communication Research Methods	4

Foundation Course

Complete one of the following: 4

COMM 1210	Persuasion and Rhetoric
COMM 1225	Communication Theory
COMM 1231	Principles of Organizational Communication
COMM 1255	Communication in a Digital Age

Cluster Course

Complete one of the following: 4

COMM 1131	Sex, Relationships, and Communication
COMM 2303	Global and Intercultural Communication
COMM 2304	Communication and Gender
COMM 2501	Communication Law
COMM 2551	Free Speech in Cyberspace

Writing-Intensive Courses

Complete two of the following (COMM 3201 is strongly recommended): 8

COMM 3200	Mobile Communication
COMM 3201	Health Communication
COMM 3230	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 3304	Communication and Inclusion
COMM 3320	Political Communication
COMM 3415	Communication Criticism

COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
COMM 3501	Free Speech: Law and Practice
COMM 3530	Communication and Sexualities
COMM 3532	Theories of Conflict and Negotiation
COMM 4535	Nonverbal Social Interaction
COMM 4605	Youth and Communication Technology
COMM 4631	Crisis Communication and Image Management

Communication Studies Electives

Complete three COMM courses that have not been used to satisfy other requirements	12
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Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
All courses in these sections must be completed with a C or better.		
SLPA 1101	Bridging Minds: Introduction to Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences	4
SLPA 1102	Language Development	4
SLPA 1103	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing Mechanism	4
SLPA 1200	Phonetics	4
SLPA 1203	Introduction to Audiology	4
SLPA 1205	Speech and Hearing Science	4
SLPA 2000	Introduction to Co-op	1
or EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
SLPA 4500	Language Disorders across the Life Span	4
SLPA 4651	Speech Disorders across the Life Span	4
SLPA 5107	Clinical Procedures	4
SLPA 6219	Aural Rehabilitation	3

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 2217 and BIOL 2218	Integrated Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab for BIOL 2217	5
BIOL 2219 and BIOL 2220	Integrated Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Lab for BIOL 2219	5
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
HLTH 2100	Interprofessional Ethics for Individual and Population Health	4
PHTH 2210	Foundations of Biostatistics	4
PHTH 2300	Communication Skills for the Health Professions	4
PHYS 1145 and PHYS 1146	Physics for Life Sciences 1 and Lab for PHYS 1145	5
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
Note: The selected integrative course counts toward the COMM writing-intensive (COMM 3201) or COMM elective (COMM 4102) as appropriate.		
COMM 3201	Health Communication (WI)	
or COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns	

Communication Studies Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in communication studies courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Program Requirements

132 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample 4 Years, 2 Co-ops

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
BIOL 2217 and BIOL 2218		5 BIOL 2219 and BIOL 2220		5 COMM 1112		4 Communication studies elective	4
COMM 1000 or SLPA 1000		1 SLPA 1101		4 Communication studies elective		4 General elective	4
COMM 1101		4 SLPA 1205		4			
ENGW 1111		4 Communication studies foundation course		4			
PSYC 1101		4 EEAM 2000 (For CAMD students)		1			
	18		18		8		8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
SLPA 2000 (For Bouve students)		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Vacation	0
PHYS 1145 and PHYS 1146		5					
SLPA 1103		4					
SLPA 1203		4					
Communication studies cluster course		4					
	18		0		0		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
COMM 3409 or ENGW 3306		4 PHTH 2210		4 Vacation or optional co-op #2		0 Vacation or optional co-op #2	0
HLTH 2100 or PHIL 1165		4 SLPA 1102		4			
PHTH 2300		4 SLPA 1200		4			
Communication studies elective		4 Communication studies writing-intensive		4			
	16		16		0		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
SLPA 4500		4 COMM 3201		4			
SLPA 5107		4 SLPA 4651		4			
General elective		4 SLPA 6219		3			
General elective		4 General elective		4			
	16		15				

Total Hours: 133

A general elective or a COMM elective, such as Principles of Argumentation (COMM 1120), can be completed to fulfill the NUPATH Formal/Quantitative Reasoning (FQ) requirement.