



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Language, Speech, & Hearing Sciences Post-Baccalaureate Online Course Sequence**

#### **1. What is it?**

- The LSH Online Post-Baccalaureate Course Sequence is a series of 7 introductory courses in Language, Speech, and Hearing Sciences. Completion of these courses is required for application to the M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology for those who hold an undergraduate degree in another field. Please be advised that the Master's program in Speech Language Pathology at USF Tampa is not an online program. It is a full-time, campus-based program in Tampa.

#### **2. Who should take this course sequence?**

- Students who have obtained undergraduate degrees outside of the field of Communication Sciences and Disorders must complete this course sequence before applying for graduate study in Speech-Language Pathology at USF or other programs throughout the nation. Bachelor's degree must be from a regionally-accredited institution with a minimum 2.75 overall GPA.
- If you are planning to apply to a graduate program at an institution other than USF, it is highly recommended that you speak with that institution to determine their admissions criteria. Please be advised that the Master's program in Speech Language Pathology at USF Tampa is not an online program. It is a full-time, campus-based program in Tampa.

#### **3. What courses will be offered and when?**

- Here is our projected schedule of course offerings. The following schedules are subject to change depending on budget and staffing availability. We anticipate offering 2 sections of each course listed each term. Please check the class schedule for the most current course offerings: <http://www.registrar.usf.edu/ssearch/search.php>.

Semester	Courses Offered
Spring 2010	SPA 3101 Anatomy & Physiology* SPA 3112 Intro to Phonetics* SPA 3030 Intro to Hearing Sciences SPA 4930 Neuroanatomy
Summer 2010	SPA 3011 Intro to Speech Science SPA 3310 Intro to Disorders of Hearing SPA 3004 Intro to Language Development SPA 4930 Neuroanatomy
Fall 2010	SPA 3101 Anatomy & Physiology* SPA 3112 Intro to Phonetics* SPA 3030 Intro to Hearing Sciences SPA 4930 Neuroanatomy
Spring 2011	SPA 3011 Intro to Speech Science SPA 3310 Intro to Disorders of Hearing SPA 3004 Intro to Language Development SPA 4930 Neuroanatomy
Summer 2011	SPA 3101 Anatomy & Physiology* SPA 3112 Intro to Phonetics* SPA 3030 Intro to Hearing Sciences SPA 4930 Neuroanatomy

\* It is recommended that these courses be taken prior to enrolling in SPA 3011.

**4. Are there prerequisites for each of the online Language, Speech, & Hearing post-baccalaureate classes?**

- The prerequisites for these classes are waived for post-baccalaureate students and the courses can be taken in any order desired.

**5. What order should I take the classes in?**

- It is recommended that you take SPA 3101 and 3112 prior to enrolling in SPA 3011.
- Although the courses are offered frequently, the faculty do not recommend that you complete the sequence in 2 semesters unless you are not working and can devote a large amount time to school. Most programs require you to earn a B or better in the pre-reqs and these are very challenging classes as they are grad-school preparatory.

**6. Are there any class meetings for the courses?**

- There may be scheduled online meetings using Elluminate web-conferencing. However these classes are 100% online with no on-campus meetings.

## 7. Can I get Financial Aid for these courses?

- Non-degree students may be eligible for federal financial aid. Please contact Financial Aid (941-359-4459) for options. If you have financial concerns, please contact us.

## 8. How do I register?

- Please see the “How to Apply” webpage for step-by-step instructions:  
[http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/CAS/academics/nd\\_lsh\\_apply.php](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/CAS/academics/nd_lsh_apply.php)

## 9. What are the technology requirements?

- All LSH courses will use Blackboard, an online management system. Within Blackboard, you can access the syllabus, course activities, assignments, assessments, discussion boards, and e-mail contacts. You can access Blackboard from any web browser with your NetID.
- To activate your NetID: <https://netid.usf.edu/una/>
- For help getting your NetID:  
[http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/campuscomputing/tutorials/activating\\_NetID\\_and\\_email/NetID%20&%20email%20final.htm](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/campuscomputing/tutorials/activating_NetID_and_email/NetID%20&%20email%20final.htm)
- For help getting into Blackboard:  
[http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/campuscomputing/tutorials/blackboard\\_overview/blackboard%20overview%20final.htm](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/campuscomputing/tutorials/blackboard_overview/blackboard%20overview%20final.htm)
- In addition, courses may use [Elluminate \(http://www.c21te.usf.edu/illuminate/\)](http://www.c21te.usf.edu/illuminate/), a virtual meeting space where instructors and students can interact live online. Elluminate has the following system requirements:
  - 20 MB free disk space
  - Soundcard with speakers and microphone or headset
  - 28.8 Kbps Internet connection
  - **Windows Client**
    - Windows 2000/XP/Vista
    - Pentium III 500 MHz processor
  - **Mac Client**
    - Mac OS X 10.2.8, 10.3.9 or 10.4
    - G3, G4, G5 or Intel Processor
  - **Linux Client**
    - Red Hat Linux (RHEL4), Novell SUSE 9 or 10
    - Pentium III 500 MHz processor
    - 256 MB RAM

## **10. How much is it going to cost?**

- Please visit the tuition website to find the most updated information on tuition and fees. Fees differ for in-state and out-of-state students.

<http://usfweb.usf.edu/controller/cashaccounting/tuition>

## **11. Why choose a career in Speech-Language Pathology?**

- Rewarding career with opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people of all ages, work collaboratively with other professionals, apply technology, research, problem-solve, and be creative.
- Ability to work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, research agencies, universities, and private practice.
- High demand for qualified professionals and secure job outlook.
- For more information, go to: [www.asha.org/careers/professions/default-overview.htm](http://www.asha.org/careers/professions/default-overview.htm).

## **12. How many people have speech and language disorders?**

- Speech and language disorders affect one's ability to talk, understand, read, and write.
- The prevalence of speech sound disorders in young children is 8-9%. By the first grade, roughly 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders; the majority of these speech disorders have no known cause.
- Between 6 and 8 million people in the United States have some form of language impairment.
- It is estimated that more than 3 million Americans stutter.
- Approximately 7.5 million people in the United States have a voice disorder.
- About one million persons in the United States have aphasia (partial or complete impairment of language comprehension and expression caused by brain damage, most often from stroke). (Retrieved from [www.asha.org/](http://www.asha.org/)).

## **13. Where can I learn more?**

- Learn more about the profession at [www.asha.org/students/professions](http://www.asha.org/students/professions).
- Find out more about the graduate study in Communication Sciences and Disorders at USF at <http://csd.usf.edu/>.
- Refer to our main website for further details about the program and admissions: [http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/CAS/academics/nd\\_lsh.php](http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/CAS/academics/nd_lsh.php)