UG Resources, Requirements & Graduate School Information

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Explore ASHA’s website: http://www.asha.org/

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
- Join NSSLHA
- View the website at http://www.asha.org/members/nsslha/

Advisement
- Meet with your advisor at least one time per semester
- Review Degree Works before your meeting http://registrar.buffalostate.edu/students

Coursework

ASHA Requirements
- 3 credits in Biology: any BIO 100–400 courses
- 3 credits in Chemistry or Physics: any CHE or PHY 100–400;
  - Recommended: PHY 103 - Understanding Sound
- 3 credits in Social/Behavioral Science: fulfilled by SPF 202 or SPF 302
- 3 credits in Math: Recommended: MAT 311 or PSY 306 (BSC requirement for graduate curriculum)

Recommended Electives
- SLP 400- Language and Literacy for Speech-Language Pathologists (when offered)
- LIB 100- Introduction to Library Research
- CIS 101- Computer Fundamentals
- PSY 330-01-The Psychological Power of Language (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 388-01-Psychology of Death and Dying (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 310-Behavior Modification (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 327-Adult Development and Aging (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 356-Child Development (PSY 101 pre-req)
- PSY 357 Adolescent and Young Adult Development (PSY 101 pre-req)

Total Credits: Stay on track for 120 credits, 33 upper division

Minor:
- Not a requirement. Consider: Psychology, Spanish, Biology, Art Therapy
- http://collegerelations.buffalostate.edu/buffalo-state-undergraduate-minor-programs

Help with Coursework/GPA:
- Talk to your professor
- Join a study group
- Visit the Writing Center or Academic Skills Center http://academicsupport.buffalostate.edu/academic-skills-center
- Reduce work hours
- Take electives pass/fail

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Graduation

- Apply for May graduation around February. Obtain graduation form and deadline at: http://registrar.buffalostate.edu/graduation-preparation-0

Graduate School Information

- GPA: Maintain a high GPA. You need 3.0 to qualify for almost all SLP graduate programs. You will have a better chance if 3.3 and much better if 3.5
- Accredited Programs: Research accredited programs and application requirements at http://www.asha.org/edfind/
- Letters of Recommendation: Obtain letters of recommendation, remembering that graduate schools have different requirements for number of letters and qualifications of letter writers. Ask faculty members to write letters for you toward the end of the fall semester of your senior year.
- Application Deadlines and Procedures: Apply to graduate school(s) during the winter break of your senior year, remembering that graduate schools have different application procedures and deadlines.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE): Prepare for and take the GRE prior to applying to graduate school, as you will need these results to apply: http://www.ets.org/gre/

Get Help!! Career Development Center (CDC)

- The CDC can help with resumes, graduate school applications, reference file, writing cover letters and career choice: http://cdc.buffalostate.edu/ or (716) 878-5811

NYS Teacher Certification Examinations

- You will need to take various NYS Teacher Certification Examinations, which can be taken during the summer following graduation. For more information: http://teachercertification.buffalostate.edu/

What If Grad School in SLP is not a good fit for me?

- Talk to a counselor at the Career Development Center
- Other degrees/occupations to consider:
  - Rehabilitation Counselor
  - Social Worker
  - Mental Health Counselor
  - Adult Education
  - Teaching
  - Employment Services (i.e., Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Career Counselor, Job Coach)
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Art/Music/Dance Therapist
  - Recreation Therapist
  - School Counselor
  - Guidance Counselor
  - College Student Affairs Professional
  - Probation/Parole Officer
  - Literacy Specialist