SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

**Thesis or Non-thesis option:** 35 credits in addition to Practical Experience

The Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences offers the Master of Arts degree with major emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology with either the thesis or the non-thesis option. The Master’s degree is required by national credentialing standards for individuals intending to practice as speech pathologists in schools, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, hearing and speech centers or in other clinical settings. Academic course work, which includes a minimum of 35 credits, is supplemented by additional credit registrations in supervised clinical practica in the University Speech and Hearing Clinic and in selected outside clinical facilities so that the graduate will meet the academic and practicum requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (C.C.C.) issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and be eligible for licensure in the State of Maryland and other jurisdictions. The Master’s degree program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation, the national accrediting agency which oversees graduate programs in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. A full description of the Master’s degree program is available at our web site, listed below. Students have the option of pursuing a Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Emphasis track as part of their M.A. degree.

Additionally, students can concurrently pursue a post-baccalaureate Bilingual Certificate Program in Speech-Language Pathology.

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**Thesis or Non-Thesis Requirements**

Select one of the following options: 9

**Thesis:**
- Select 3 credits of electives
- HESP799 Master’s Thesis Research

**Non-Thesis:**
- Select 7 credits of electives