The Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences is a degree for students interested in speech, hearing, or a clinical pathway related to these areas. The Department of Linguistics also offers a Bachelor of Linguistics and Language Sciences focusing on the academic study of language and non-clinical applications of linguistics.

As a graduate of this degree, you will also have a solid grounding in linguistics that can take you into any career that requires a strong background in human communication such as journalism, marketing, education, or management.

You can choose from a wide range of electives either as companion units to speech, hearing and language sciences, or units of individual interest.

**KEY FEATURES**

- This degree focuses on the many aspects of the production and perception of spoken language, such as the way we produce speech sounds using the vocal apparatus; the way the brain (via the ear) responds, or sometimes fails to respond, to different aspects of speech and language; how languages differ in the way they use speech; how language develops in children; the relationship between language and culture; and how computers can be used in speech, hearing and language analysis.
- In preparation for a career as a speech language pathologist or audiologist, this degree forms a pathway into the clinical masters degrees offered by Macquarie.
- This degree is also a valuable pathway to a career in speech, hearing or linguistic research; forensic speech science; or speech technology.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Audiologist
- Forensic speech scientist
- Speech, hearing or language researcher
- Speech pathologist
- Speech technologist
- Professional roles in health organisations, e.g. marketing or health advocacy
If you wish to qualify for clinical practice in either audiology or speech language pathology, you will need to do further (postgraduate) study to gain the appropriate professional accreditation. Macquarie offers masters degrees in audiology and speech language pathology.

**RECOMMENDED PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**

No compulsory first-year units require any assumed knowledge, prerequisites or recommended studies. For information about other units that may require assumed knowledge, prerequisites or recommended studies, visit handbook.mq.edu.au

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