The number of undergraduate majors has tripled in the past five to seven years as careers in speech and language pathology and audiology have increased.

The Ohio State University Department of Speech and Hearing Science offers degrees at both undergraduate and graduate levels in speech and hearing science, with concentrations in speech-language pathology, audiology, speech science, and hearing science. The department provides MA and AuD students with clinical instruction and practice in the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, as well as in numerous external sites, including clinics and schools.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- Full time faculty: 11
- Undergraduate majors: 450
- Graduate: 55
- Doctor of Audiology: 30
- PhD: 22

**DEGREES OFFERED**

- BA, Speech and Hearing Science
- MA, Speech and Hearing Science
- MA, Speech-Language Pathology
- AuD, Doctor of Audiology
- PhD, Speech and Hearing Science

Cross-disciplinary endeavors with a number of other areas on campus include the College of Education and Human Ecology, Department of Psychology, and the School of Allied Health.

*Enhancing how we articulate and process the complexities of language and sound*
MICHELLE BOURGEOIS is conducting research on dementia and the development of memory aids to use on iPads. These programs would use pictures and sound to help patients retain their memory longer. Supported by the Alzheimer’s Association, this is one of the projects in the Adult Neurogenic Communication and Language Lab, headed by Bourgeois.

ROBERT FOX AND EWA JACEWICZ are researching dialect variation in Ohio and its nearby states that underscores the importance of variation in speech. Variation comes from diverse sources, including speaker characteristics, the geographic region where the speaker was raised, etc. In addition, Fox is a phonetician and is involved in forensics – for example, analyzing 911 tapes to figure out what the caller is really saying, or interpreting background conversations.

MONIQUE MILLS is addressing the role of language and literacy in educational disproportionality issues faced by African American children, who are overrepresented in special education programs and underrepresented in talented and gifted education programs.

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- Offers services in the area of fluency (stuttering)

- Provides screenings to local schools in Columbus and surrounding suburbs