

BA in Speech and Language Therapy

Taught in Bulgarian

Brief summary of the program:

Training in the first two years of the program consists of general education; training in the main academic areas of the major in two-semester courses: General Psychology, Neurobiological Foundations of Human Behavior, Foundations of Social Policy; practical courses: The Human Brain—Structure and Functions, Inclusion of Children with Special Educational Needs, Speech and Language Pathology, Mental Disorders, Research Methods in Speech and Language Pathology, Psycholinguistic Theories of Language Acquisition, etc. Throughout the third and fourth years, training is organized in specialized courses part of the program, as well as extracurricular modes of instruction such as practicums and internships. The program meets all European requirements for the training of bachelor students in Speech and Language Therapy.

Major and professional qualification:

Major: Speech and Language Therapy

Qualification: Speech and Language Therapist

First year, first semester

Basic courses

GENB042 Human Relationships, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB012 General Psychology, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB023 The Science of Language, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

SODB100 The Beginnings of Psychoanalysis, 30 hours 3 credits

SODB101 The Human Brain—Structure and Functions, 30 hours 3 credits

SODB102 Inclusion of Children with Special Educational Needs, 30 hours 3 credits

First year, second semester

Basic courses

GENB042 Human Relationships, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB012 General Psychology, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB023 The Science of Language, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

LOGB505 Clinical Psychology and Developmental Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB212 Anatomy and Physiology of Hearing and Speech, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB213 Psychology of Persons with Communication Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

Second year, third semester

Basic courses

GENB033 Neurobiological Foundations of Human Behavior, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB008 The Human Brain, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB009 Biological Anthropology, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

GENB010B General Sociology, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

PSYB700 Neuropsychology, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

SODB215 Speech and Language Pathology, 30 hours, 1/2, 3 credits

SODB300 Mental Disorders (adults), 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB301 Attachment Theory, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB304 Research Methods in Speech and Language Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB313 Introduction to and Theoretical Foundations of Public Healthcare, 30 hours, 3 credits

Second year, fourth semester

Basic courses

GENB033 Neurobiological Foundations of Human Behavior, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB008 The Human Brain, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB009 Biological Anthropology, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

GENB010B General Sociology, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

PSYB700 Neuropsychology, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

SODB215 Speech and Language Pathology, 30 hours, 2/2, 3 credits

SODB400 Mental Disorders (children), 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB401 Neuropathology

Prof. Violeta Boyanova, PhD; Prof. Thomas Thomov, PhD, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB402 Psycholinguistic Theories of Language Acquisition, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB413 General Principles of Prevention, Diagnosis and Therapy in Speech and Language Disorders, 30 hours 3 credits

Third year, fifth semester

Classroom-based lecture courses (credit-bearing)

LOGB500 Biological Foundations of Speech and Language, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB501 Otorhinolaryngology, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB502 Ontogenesis of the Communication Competence, Phonetics and Phonology, Bilingualism, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB503 Learning Disabilities, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB504 Swallowing Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

PSYB703 Neurogenetics, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB200 Dynamic Interview, 30 hours, 3 credits

SODB302 Family and Family Dynamics; Family Counseling, 30 hours, 3 credits

Extracurricular credit courses

LOGB716 Practicum: Diagnostic and assessment methods for therapeutic work in speech and language therapy, 90 hours, 9 credits

LOGB717 Project: Child development—working with tests and data collection, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB718 Independent study: Skills for surveying and data processing and analysis

Prof. Violeta Boyanova, PhD, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB719 Seminar: Early interventions and parental behavior in autistic spectrum disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

Third year, sixth semester

Basic courses

LOGB600 Non-verbal Communication, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB601 Principles of Tele-rehabilitation for Children and Adults with Communication Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB602 Fluency Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB603 Mental Retardation, Inclusive Education, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB604 Organization of Healthcare, Health Services and Health Informatics, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB605 Articulation Disorders in Children and Adults, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB606 Emotional Disorders in Children with Communication Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB614 Fundamentals of Speech and Language Therapy in Children with Hard Hearing, 30 hours, 3 credits

Extracurricular credit courses

LOGB720 Practicum: Therapy methods for persons with dysarthria and rhinolalia, 90 hours, 9 credits

LOGB721 Independent study: Assessment of cognitive developmental disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB722 Project: Study of early language ontogenesis in childhood, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB723 Seminar: Issues in health and safety, prevention, communicative interactions, 30 hours, 3 credits

Fourth year, seventh semester

Basic courses

LOGB700 Computer Systems and Assistive Technologies in Communication Disorders Therapy, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB701 Preventive Practices and Telemedicine, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB702 Autism Spectrum Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB703 Diagnosis and Therapy of Language Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB704 Phoniatics, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB705 Prevention of Communication Disorders in Childhood and Adolescence, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB706 Acoustics, Audiology and Disorders of Hearing, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB707 Diagnosis and Therapy of Cranial and Pharyngeal Malformations and Rhinolalia, 30 hours, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

LOGB725 Practical training: Therapy in children with emotional, behavioral and communication disorders, 80 hours

Extracurricular credit courses

LOGB724 Internship: Therapeutic work with children with language and articulation disorders, 120 hours, 12 credits

Fourth year, eighth semester

Basic courses

LOGB802 Diagnosis and Therapy of Reading and Writing Disorders—Children and Adults, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB803 Diagnosis and Therapy of Dysarthria—Children and Adults, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB804 Diagnosis and Therapy of Aphasia and Neurodegenerative Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB805 National and International Healthcare Systems and Organizations, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB806 Developmental and Acquired Disorders of Written Language, 30 hours, 3 credits

LOGB807 Voice Disorders, 30 hours, 3 credits

Practical credit courses

LOGB727 Practical training: Therapy in children with disorders of written language, 80 hours

Extracurricular credit courses

LOGB726 Internship: Therapy in adults with dysarthria and aphasia, 180 hours, 18 credits