

Degree Type – Bachelor of Science (BS)
Degree Title – Communication Sciences and Disorders

A Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) is a pre-professional degree that prepares students for graduate studies in COMD. Upon completion of the Bachelor degree, students are eligible for licensure to practice in the State of Texas as a Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. The student will demonstrate and apply knowledge of the basic sciences underlying human communication and swallowing processes. Criterion for Success: Direct Means of Assessment (Capstone): 80% of graduating COMD students will be evaluated as “acceptable” or “exceeds criteria” in the knowledge of the basic sciences underlying human communication and swallowing processes. Indirect Means of Assessment (Exit Survey): 80% of graduating COMD students will evaluate their knowledge base in the “good” to “excellent” range in the basic sciences underlying human communication and swallowing processes.
2. The student will demonstrate and apply introductory knowledge of types of speech, language and hearing disorders. Criterion for Success: Direct Means of Assessment (Capstone): 80% of graduating COMD students will be evaluated as “acceptable” or “exceeds criteria” in the introductory knowledge of types of speech, language and hearing disorders. Indirect Means of Assessment (Exit Survey): 80% of graduating COMD students will evaluate their knowledge base in the “good” to “excellent” range in the introductory knowledge of types of speech, language and hearing disorders.
3. The student will demonstrate and apply knowledge of variation in human communication and its development as a function of diversity, development, and cultural backgrounds. Criterion for Success: Direct Means of Assessment: (Capstone): 80% of graduating COMD students will be evaluated as “acceptable” or “exceeds criteria” in the knowledge base of variation in human communication and its development as a function of diversity, development, and cultural backgrounds. Indirect Means of Assessment (Exit Survey): 80% of graduating COMD students will evaluate their knowledge base in the “good” to “excellent” range in the variation of human communication and its development as a function of diversity, development, and cultural backgrounds.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required

Mathematics – 3 hours

MATH 1314 College Algebra

Life and Physical Sciences – 6 hours

Choose one pair:

BIOL 1406 General Biology I three-hour lecture (or BIOL 1487 Honors)

BIOL 1407 General Biology II three-hour lecture (or BIOL 1488 Honors)

BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I

BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

Integrative and Experiential Learning – 2 hours

Choose corresponding pair from Life and Physical Sciences:

BIOL 1406 General Biology I one-hour lab (or BIOL 1487 Honors)

BIOL 1407 General Biology II one-hour lab (or BIOL 1488 Honors)

BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I one-hour lab
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II one-hour lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 48 HOURS (45 advanced)

COMD 2310 Introduction to Speech-Language
COMD 3310 Normal Language Development
COMD 3315 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
COMD 3320 Phonetics
COMD 3330 Articulation Development
COMD 3340 Audiology I
COMD 3355 Survey of Neurological Disorders
COMD 3360 Neuroanatomy and Physiology for Speech, Language, and Hearing
COMD 4310 Behavior Management for Speech-Language Pathology
COMD 4330 Audiology (Re)Habilitation
COMD 4350 Clinical Applications
COMD 4360 Language Disorders in Children I
COMD 4365 Speech Disorders
COMD 4370 Professional Report Writing in Speech-Language Pathology
COMD 4380 Clinical Problem-Solving
COMD 4390 Principles in Assessment of Speech-Language Pathology

C – SUPPORT COURSES – 25 HOURS (3 advanced)

COMD 1310 Beginning Sign Language
COMD 1320 Intermediate Sign Language
HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology
MATH 2334 Applied Statistics for Communication Disorders
PHIL 2330 Ethics and Leadership
REHS 3320 Family and Disability
SOC1 1301 Introduction to Sociology
Any 4 hours of Chemistry or Physics (both lecture and lab)

D – FREE ELECTIVES – 5 HOURS**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS****TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 48 HOURS****ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:****Admission requirements**

Students must apply and be formally accepted to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Undergraduate Program. The following must be completed prior to date of COMD Undergraduate program application:

1. Students must take MATH 2334 and complete the course with a 'C' or higher.
2. Students must take three science courses: BIOL 1406 and 1407 (or BIOL 1487 and BIOL 1488) or BIOL 2401 and 2402, and either one Physics course with lab OR one Chemistry course with lab. These courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher.
3. Students must lack no more than six courses from the following areas: General Education Core, Electives, or Supplemental. The MATH 2334 and the three science courses cannot be

included as part of the six courses lacking at the time of the application. MATH 1314 is a prerequisite for MATH 2334.

4. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.8. Admittance is competitive.

Progression requirements

Once formally accepted to the COMD Undergraduate program, students must follow the required COMD Major course block sequence.

A 'C' or higher is required in the COMD Major courses. If a student drops a course or receives a 'D' or 'F' in any of the COMD Major course(s), the student will not progress in the COMD Major course block sequence until the student re-enrolls in the course(s) the next time the course(s) is offered. A grade of 'C' or higher is required.

If a 'D' or 'F' is earned in a course in the following supplemental courses: COMD 1310, COMD 1320, PHIL 2330, SOCI 1301, HRPT 2303, and REHS 3320, the student will be allowed to proceed in the COMD Major course block sequence, however, must retake the supplemental course in which a 'D' or 'F' was earned the next time it is offered. A 'C' or higher is required.

Graduation requirements

1. Students must earn a 'C' or higher in the COMD Major courses and supplemental courses.
2. In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.