This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure.

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.

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**

- **020 - Mathematics – 3 hours**
  - MATH 1314 College Algebra

- **030 - 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)

- **080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours**
  - PSYC 2301 General Psychology

- **090 - 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)

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)

- ASLI 1310 American Sign Language I or SGNL 1301 Beginning Sign Language I
- ASLI 1320 American Sign Language II or SGNL 1302 Beginning Sign Language II
- HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology
- STAT 2334 Applied Statistics for Health
- PHIL 2330 Ethics and Leadership or PHIL 1310 Ethics, Happiness, and the Good Life
REHS 3320 Family and Disability
SOCI 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. No substitutions allowed.
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. No substitutions allowed.
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: ASLI 1310, ASLI 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 2018-2019 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.