

## 2019-2020 ACADEMIC PLAN

### FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Communication
Choose 1	American History
ASLI 1310	American Sign Language I
Choose 1	Mathematics
Choose 1	Creative Arts
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication
ASLI 1320	American Sign Language II
Choose 1	BIOL 1406 General Biology I or BIOL 1407 General Biology II or BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I or BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
Choose 1	Government/Political Science
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture
Choose 1	Government/Political Science

### SECOND YEAR

Choose 1	PHYS 1401 General Physics I or
Choose 1	CHEM 1311/1111 General Chem. I & Lab
ASLI 2310	American Sign Language III
Choose 1	Integrative and Experiential Learning
ASLI 3323	Foundations of Deaf Culture
STAT 2334	Applied Statistics for Health
ASLI 3310	American Sign Language IV
HRPT 2303	Medical Terminology
PSYC 2301	General Psychology
REHS 3320	Family and Disability
Choose 1	Integrative and Experiential Learning
ASLI 3320	American Sign Language V

### THIRD YEAR

COMD 2310	Introduction to Speech-Language
COMD 3320	Phonetics
COMD 3315	Anatomy and Physiology of the
COMD 3330	Speech and Hearing Mechanism
COMD 3330	Articulation Development
COMD 3310	Normal Language Development
COMD 3340	Audiology I
COMD 3355	Survey of Neurological Disorders
COMD 3360	Neuroanatomy and Physiology for
COMD 3360	Speech, Language, and Hearing

COMD 4330	Audiology (Re)Habilitation
COMD 4360	Language Disorders in Children I
COMD 4365	Speech Disorders
COMD 4340	Speech & Hearing Sciences
COMD 4310	Behavior Management for
COMD 4350	Clinical Applications
COMD 4370	Professional Report Writing in
COMD 4380	Speech-Language Pathology
COMD 4390	Clinical Problem-Solving
COMD 4390	Principles in Assessment of
COMD 4390	Speech-Language Pathology

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC). "Choose 1" indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: [www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

### FOURTH YEAR

#### Degree Info

A Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) is a 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.

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COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND  
DISORDERS with a Minor in  
American Language Studies (BS)  
Catalog: 2019-20  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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#### Additional Info

**Minor:**  
The Minor in American Sign Language Studies (18 hours) is required for all COMD majors. A grade of 'C' or higher is required for each of the courses in the American Sign Language Studies Minor.

**Admission Requirements**  
Students must apply and be formally accepted to the COMD Undergraduate program. The following must be completed prior to date of application:

1. Students must take MATH or STAT 2334 and complete the course with a 'C' or higher. No substitutions allowed.
2. Students must take one biological science course: BIOL 1406 (or BIOL 1487 Honors), BIOL 1407 (or BIOL 1488 Honors), BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 with lab and earn a grade of 'C' or higher. No substitutions allowed.
3. Students must take either Physics 1401 OR Chemistry 1311 with Chemistry 1111 lab and earn a grade of 'C' or higher. No substitutions allowed.
4. Students must lack no more than six courses from the following areas: General Education Core, and Support Courses. The STAT/MATH 2334 and the two science courses cannot be included as part of the six courses lacking at the time of the application. MATH 1314/1414 is a prerequisite for STAT/MATH 2334.
5. Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.80. Admission into the Undergraduate Program is on a competitive basis.

**Undergraduate Application**  
Applications are available mid-November (of each year) and may be accessed through the UTRGV website or in the COMD Department (EHABW 1.264). Application deadline is the third Friday in February (by 5:00 p.m.) for the subsequent fall semester.

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

## FIRST YEAR

## SECOND YEAR

## THIRD YEAR

## FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

## CAREERS

### MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours every year (including summers) in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Take MATH 1314 in your first year.

- Complete three major required courses for admission consideration: (1) STAT 2334,(2) BIOL 1406, 1407 (or BIOL 1487, BIOL 1488),BIOL 2401, 2402, and (3) either Physics 1401 OR Chemistry 1311 and Chemistry 1111 lab. These courses must be completed with a 'C' or higher. No substitutions allowed. These courses must be completed the semester prior to applying to the COMD Undergraduate Program (see Admission Requirements for further information).
- Make sure the General Education Core and admission requirements are completed prior to applying.
- Apply to the Communication Sciences and Disorders program. The deadline is the third Friday in February.

- Formal acceptance to the COMD program is required to enroll in any of the COMD major courses. Non-admitted students may **only** enroll in COMD 2310, ASLI 1310, & ASLI 1320.

- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, or for fulltime employment.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit my.UTRGV.edu and check out MyMajors.
- Visit a faculty member during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available
- Check Degree Works each semester to make sure you are on track.

- Seek out research opportunities within your major and join a professional organization such as Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association (TSHA).
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- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor.
- Apply for spring graduation during the early fall semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center to ensure you are on track.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium.
- Attend a professional conference such as TSHA.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field you aspire to work in.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through My.UTRGV.edu.
- Attend a diversity based campus or community event (e.g. MLK Day of Service).
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into National Speech-Language Hearing Association - UTRGV Chapter or visit VLink (utrgv.edu/vlink) for options.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Visit the Office for International Programs and Partnerships for options
- Check out a cultural campus or community event such as HESTEC or FESTIBA.
- Join another student organization. Perhaps the American Sign Language organization or visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch- bring a friend!

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, online, at on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: (My.UTRGV.edu).
- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? Although this program does not require a minor, should you decide to choose one, we recommend the American Sign Language Interpreter minor.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests.

- Check out the Communication Sciences and Disorders department website for postings on career/graduate school.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation for graduate school (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visit the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and get on LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on studentloans.gov.

- Prevention
- Screening
- Assessment
- Treatment
- Behavioral modification
- Follow-up
- Administration
- Consultation
- Supervision
- Teaching
- Research
- Public and private K-12 schools
- Universities/colleges
- Hospitals
- Physicians' offices
- Speech, language, and hearing centers
- Home healthcare offices
- Nursing care facilities
- Adult day healthcare centers
- Residential facilities
- Federal agencies

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)