

# **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY**

## **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**

**For Students with UTRGV Degree Plans:  
2020-2021 and Subsequent Degree Plans**

# **UNDERGRADUATE ADVISEMENT MANUAL**

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## **Important Student Information**

### **College of Health Professions**

The College of Health Professions requires student criminal background checks for all currently enrolled and newly admitted students in the following programs:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate and Undergraduate Programs
- Clinical Laboratory Science Program
- Nutrition Studies
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies Graduate Program
- American Sign Language
- Health & Human Performance
- Rehabilitation Services & Counseling

Successful completion of a criminal background check is required upon admission to the COMD undergraduate program, and continuation in the program. Background checks will be honored for the duration of the student's enrollment in the designated program provided there is no break in enrollment. In addition, students enrolled in programs that do not require a criminal background check should be aware that individual practicum or field sites may require a criminal background check prior to placement at that site. Successful completion of a criminal background check for programs in the College of Health Professions does not ensure eligibility for licensure, certification or future employment.

Students that are initially accepted to the COMD Undergraduate program are “contingently” accepted to the program pending a successful completion of the criminal background check. The background check is not required until a student has been formally accepted with “contingent” acceptance. Instructions are sent at the time of “contingent” acceptance.

\*Communication Science and Disorders courses are currently only offered on the Edinburg campus, at this time.

## **COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE PLAN 2020-2021 AND SUBSEQUENT COMD DEGREE PLANS**

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

1. Students must take **MATH 1342** 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 PHYS 1401 or CHEM 1311/1111 with lab and earn a grade of 'C' or higher. No substitutions allowed.
4. Students must lack no more than six (6) courses from the following areas: General Education Core, Support Courses and the Free Elective. MATH 1342 and the two science courses cannot be included as part of the six courses lacking at the time of the application.
5. Students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.80. Admission into the Undergraduate Program is on a competitive basis.

## **General Academic Advising Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors/Seniors**

Students must attend academic advising via the UTRGV Academic Advising Center for general advisement on the general education core, COMD Roadmap, and general advising questions.

An appointment with the UTRGV Academic Advising Center can be scheduled via the following:

- Log in to the **[My UTRGV](#)**
- Once logged in click on **"EAB Navigate"** from the Applications section
- Click on the blue **"Get Assistance"** button on the right side of the screen
- Select **"Advising"** for the type of appointment
- Select the desired **"Reason/Service"** for your visit
- Select your desired **"Date"** from the drop down menu
- Click **"Find Available Time"** to display available appointments
- Click on your desired appointment date and time
- Complete the **"Comments"** box with any questions or additional topics you'd like to discuss with your advisor.
  - If you would like to receive an email appointment reminder, click the **"Email Reminder"** button.
  - If you would like to receive a text message appointment reminder, please click the **"Text Message Reminder"** button and enter your cell phone number.
- Click the **"Schedule"** button. A notification will be sent to your UTRGV email as a final confirmation.

**Need To Cancel Your Appointment?** No worries! To cancel, simply log into EAB Navigate and locate your upcoming session. Click on your session and a window will come up with your scheduled advising session details. If you wish to cancel your session, click "Cancel", select your reason for cancelling and feel free to leave a few comments about your cancellation. Once submitted, a confirmation of cancelation screen will be displayed. Of course, when you're ready, you are welcome to reschedule your advising session by following the steps provided above

### **Academic Advising Center Contact Information:**

Edinburg: International Trade & Technology Building (ITT)

Brownsville: Main 1.402

Email: [academicadvising@utrgv.edu](mailto:academicadvising@utrgv.edu)

Phone: (956) 665-7120

**FACULTY DIRECTORY**  
**College of Health Professions**  
**Department of Communication Disorders**

**Should you have additional questions about the COMD program, after General Advisement, you may contact the following faculty members (according to student last name), for any questions regarding the COMD undergraduate program.**

<b>Faculty:</b>	<b>Student Last Name</b>	<b>Faculty E-Mail Address</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>Office Address</b>
<b>Ms. Keri Parchman -Gonzalez</b>	<b>A-F</b>	<a href="mailto:Keri.Gonzalez@utrgv.edu">Keri.Gonzalez@utrgv.edu</a>	<b>665-5272</b>	<b>EHABW 1.320</b>
<b>Ms. Lily Garza</b>	<b>G-L</b>	<a href="mailto:Lily.Garza@utrgv.edu">Lily.Garza@utrgv.edu</a>	<b>665-5275</b>	<b>EHABW 1.308</b>
<b>Dr. Ruth Crutchfield</b>	<b>M-R</b>	<a href="mailto:ruth.crutchfield@utrgv.edu">ruth.crutchfield@utrgv.edu</a>	<b>665-5273</b>	<b>EHABW 1.326</b>
<b>Ms. Sonya Salinas</b>	<b>S-Z</b>	<a href="mailto:Sonya.salinas@utrgv.edu">Sonya.salinas@utrgv.edu</a>	<b>665-2181</b>	<b>EHABW 1.316</b>

**Effective 08-26-19**  
**COMD Undergraduate Program Policies**

1. Students **must** apply and be formally accepted to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Undergraduate Program to enroll in the following courses in the required sequenced blocks: **COMD 2310, COMD 3310, COMD 3315, COMD 3320, COMD 3330, COMD 3340, COMD 3355, COMD 3360, COMD 4310, COMD 4330, COMD 4340, COMD 4350, COMD 4360, COMD 4365, COMD 4370, COMD 4380, and COMD 4390.**
2. Non-admitted students may **only** enroll in COMD 2310 in the COMD major sequence.
3. Students **must** lack no more than six courses from the core, electives, or support course areas on the degree plan to be eligible to apply to the COMD undergraduate program. Students must complete the two sciences and the statistics requirement with a “C” or higher prior to applying to the COMD program. The statistics requirement and the two science courses cannot be included as part of the six courses lacking at the time of the application. Refer to COMD admission requirements for specific science and statistic courses required.
4. Students **must** earn a minimum of a “C” in each of the COMD courses listed in the Major on the degree plan.
5. Students **must** earn a minimum of a “C” in the courses listed in the Support area on the degree plan.
6. Once accepted, students **must** follow the required COMD course block sequence. If a student drops a course or receives a “D” or “F” in one of the courses listed in the Major: COMD 2310, 3310, 3315, 3320, 3330, 3340, 3355, 3360, 4310, 4330, 4340, 4350, 4360, 4365, 4370, 4380, 4390, he/she **must** enroll in that course the next time it is offered. Students will **not** be allowed to progress in the COMD major course sequence should a “D” or “F” be earned in the courses. The course in which a “D” or “F” is received will need to be **retaken** the next time the COMD course is offered. This will delay graduation.
7. If a “D” or “F” is earned in a course in the Support courses HRPT 2303, and/or REHS 3320, the student will be **allowed** to proceed in the COMD Major Course Sequence (if a grade of “C” or higher has been earned in each of the COMD courses) however, the student **must retake** the Support course in which a “D” or “F” was earned the next time it is offered.
8. The minor in American Sign Language Studies is required for the 2019–2020-degree plan and subsequent COMD degree plans. The student must earn a grade of 'C' or higher in all courses in the American Sign Language Studies minor. If the student earns a grade lower than a 'C,' he or she will be allowed to continue in the COMD Major course block sequence but must re-enroll in the ASLI course(s) in which a grade lower than a 'C' was earned. If the student earns a grade lower than a 'C' in an ASLI course that is a prerequisite to higher-level ASLI courses, those courses cannot be taken until the student earns a grade of 'C' or better in the deficient course.
9. Students must earn a ‘C’ or higher in the courses listed in the COMD Major, Support Courses, and American Sign Language Studies Minor on the degree plan to meet requirements for an undergraduate degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.
10. Students who have previously been enrolled in COMD Major Courses and **did not** complete the degree may have the opportunity to complete the degree as long as none of the completed COMD Major courses were taken **more than five years** from the re-enter date. If the COMD courses are more than five years of the date the student wishes to re-enter, he/she will have to **apply** to the program and **retake** the courses that were more than five years from the re-enter date. **Admittance to the Program is competitive.**

# Undergraduate COMD Program

## Course Block Sequence

Students must be formally admitted to the COMD Undergraduate Program to begin taking any of the following courses in the COMD Course Sequence blocks (with the exception of COMD 2310). A “C” or higher is required in each course in each block sequence to be eligible to move onto each COMD course block sequence. A “C” or higher is also required in all COMD Major Courses, Support courses, and the minor in American Sign Language Studies in order to be eligible for a Baccalaureate Degree in COMD.

### Fall

COMD 2310 – Intro to Speech SLP

COMD 3320 – Phonetics

COMD 3315 –A & P Speech Mech.

COMD 3330 – Articulation

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### Summer I

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### Spring

COMD 3310 – Normal Lang. Dev.

COMD 3340 – Audiology

COMD 3355 – Survey Neuro. Dis. SLP

COMD 3360 - Neuroanatomy

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### Summer II

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*If planning to apply to graduate school, it is highly recommended the GRE be taken in the summer semesters.*

### Fall

COMD 4310 – Behavior Mgmt.

COMD 4330 – Aural Rehabilitation

COMD 4360 – Lang. Disorders

COMD 4365 – Speech Disorders

### Spring

COMD 4350 – Clinical Application

COMD 4370 – Prof. Report Writing

COMD 4380 – Clinical Problem Solving

COMD 4390 – Principles Assessment

COMD 4340-Speech & Hearing Sciences

**\*\*COMD 4340 Required for degree plans 2019-2020 and subsequent COMD degree plans.**



## **STUDYING STRATEGIES**

- 1. READ and TAKE NOTES BEFORE COMING TO CLASS.**
- 2. ASK QUESTIONS WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING.**
- 3. DON'T Wait till the last minute to study. MAKE TIME TO STUDY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.**
- 4. FIND THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT, STUDY GROUP, AND STUDY STRATEGIES FOR YOU.**
- 5. TREAT YOURSELF FOR KEEPING TO A STUDY SCHEDULE OR WHEN EARNING A GOOD GRADE ON AN EXAM!**

## **UTRGV Resources**

The Learning Center; <https://www.utrgv.edu/tutoring/>

Writing Center; <https://www.utrgv.edu/writingcenter/>

UCentral; <https://www.utrgv.edu/ucentral/student-resources/index.htm>

Counseling Center; <https://www.utrgv.edu/counseling/services/index.htm>

Student Services; <https://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/student-experience/student-services/index.htm>

Office of Student Success: <https://www.utrgv.edu/studentsuccess/about-us/index.htm>