

Choose 1	Communication (Core)
HIST 1301	U.S. History I
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I
MATH 1314	College Algebra
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
Choose 1	Communication (Core)
HIST 1302	U.S. History II
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II
PHIL 2330	or PHIL
Choose 1	Ethics and Leadership
Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)
Choose 1	Creative Arts
Choose 1	Government/Political Science (Core)
Choose 1	Free Elective

FIRST YEAR

Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture
PHYS 1401	General Physics I or OR CHEM
COMD 1310	Beginning Sign Language
Choose 1	Integrative and Experimental Learning
STAT 2334	Applied Statistics for the Health Sciences
COMD 1320	Intermediate Sign Language
HRPT 2303	Medical Terminology
PSYC 2301	General Psychology
REHS 3320	Family and Disability
Choose 1	Integrative and Experimental Learning
Choose 1	Free Elective

SECOND YEAR

COMD 2310	Introduction to Speech-Language
COMD 3320	Phonetics
COMD 3315	Anatomy and Physiology of the 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 Speech, Language, and Hearing

THIRD YEAR

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

FOURTH YEAR

Additional Info

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

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

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**COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (BS)**  
**Catalog: 2017-18**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS**

Degree Info

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.

# 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 major foundation classes: Math 2334, 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.
- 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 second 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, COMD 1310, & COMD 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 Kuder Journey.
- 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 Kuder Journey!
- 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 Career Connection 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 the Career Center portal!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Update your resume in Career Connection 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 Rehabilitation Services.
- 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)