Communication Disorders

The undergraduate major in Communication Disorders is a pre-professional health care degree that prepares students to enter graduate programs in the communication disorders of either speech-language pathology or audiology. To become nationally certified speech-language pathologists or audiologists, students must earn a graduate degree. The Bachelor of Science undergraduate degree also can be used for employment as a speech-language pathology aide in the public schools of some but not all states. The BS degree, however, is intended for students who are capable of and committed to enrollment in an accredited graduate program in the field.

Students must comply with these requirements to be admitted to the Communication Disorders major:

- **Students must apply for admission to the major.** Students’ applications for admission must be received by January 30 in order for them to begin the major during the following summer term. Applications must be received by May 30 in order for students to begin the major during the following fall semester. Applications may be submitted any time prior to the deadline. Students may get information about the applications process and the appropriate forms from Haley Center 1199, Department of Communication Disorders or online at the departmental website www.cla.auburn.edu/communicationdisorders/. The top 30 applicants are accepted in each of two admission cycles during the year.
- **They must have completed 30 hours of course work in the university core courses and have at least a B average in English Composition I and II.**
- **Students must submit a 300-word letter of intent.**
- **They should check with the department chair or program coordinator for further information about entry requirements.**

Once they are admitted to the BS Communication Disorders, students have to meet these requirements in order to graduate:

- **Students must earn a C or higher in each major course.** Any courses where students do not receive a C or higher must be repeated. Under these circumstances, graduation may be delayed.
- **Students must have a 3.0 GPA to enroll in CMDS 4910 Clinical Practicum.**

**Major**

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