The Need to Communicate
Most of us take it for granted, but communication is a struggle for many. Professionals in communication disorders provide services to prevent, assess and treat disorders of communication (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association).*

The Bachelor of Health Science (BHS) in Communication Disorders
The undergraduate major in Communication Disorders offers preprofessional education in speech-language pathology, audiology and related areas. The curriculum includes courses in fundamental areas necessary to understand normal aspects of speech, language and hearing. Course work also is offered to provide you basic knowledge concerning disorders of speech, language and hearing and approaches to their assessment and remediation.

As a preprofessional curriculum, the BHS degree will not qualify you for state licensure or national/state certification. However, it will provide the comprehensive foundation that is required to achieve success in the Master of Health Science degree program, which leads to professional credentialing in speech-language pathology.

How to Apply
Application to the undergraduate program in Communication Disorders is made through the Governors State University admission page at https://applynow.govst.edu/. For information, call the Governors State University Office of Admissions at 708.534.4490.

For more information about the Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders degree program, call the Department of Communication Disorders at 708.534.4590, or visit www.govst.edu/chhs/dcd/bhs.

*For more information about careers in communication disorders, please visit the website of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at www.asha.org

FACT
A bachelor’s degree in Communication Disorders is required preparation for the Master of Health Science degree in Communication Disorders, the entry-level degree for the profession of Speech-Language Pathology.
Degree Requirements
The following courses or their equivalents are required for the Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders.

Required Courses (54 Hours)
CDIS 2100  Introduction to Sign Language (3)
CDIS 3300  Introduction to Communication Disorders (3)
CDIS 3400  Phonetics (3)
CDIS 3500  Speech and Hearing Science (3)
CDIS 3600  Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing (3)
CDIS 4100  Language Development: Early Stages (3)
CDIS 4150  Language Development: Later Stages (3)
CDIS 4200  Sociolinguistics (3)
CDIS 4300  Neuroscience for the Study of Communication Disorders (3)
CDIS 4400  Introduction to Audiology (3)
CDIS 4500  Introduction to Assessment and Intervention in Communication Disorders (3)
CDIS 4600  Augmentative and Alternative Communication (3)
EDUC 2310  Foundations of Education (3)
EDUC 4440  Educational Psychology in Action (3)
PSYC 3101  Principles of Psychology (3)
PSYC 3201  Developmental Psychology (3)
SPED 4100  Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (3)
STAT 4720  Statistics (3)

In addition to the core requirements in Communication Disorders, students must meet other general requirements for the bachelor’s degree established by the university. Please refer to the University Catalog for further information at www.govst.edu/catalog.