

Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders

College of Health & Human Services

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.



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Degree Requirements

The following courses or their equivalents are required for the Bachelor of Health Science in Communication Disorders. The GPA requirement for the major is a minimum of a 2.75 (and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the major in graduate school).

Required Courses (54 Hours)

- CDIS 2100 Introduction to Sign Language (3)
- CDIS 3099 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 4600 Augmentative and Alternative Communication (3)
- CDIS 4900 Intro to Assessment and Intervention (3)
- CDIS 4901 Intro to Assessment and Intervention Lab (1) (Co-requisite to CDIS 4900)
- MATH 2100 Elementary Statistics (3)
- PSYC 3201 Child Development (3)
- PSYC 1101 Principles of Psychology (3)
- SPED 2100 Survey of Students with Exceptionalities (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.