

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

**Application Deadline for FALL START is May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Application Deadline for SUMMER START is January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The Department of Communication Disorders at Auburn University offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Disorders (CMDS) which prepares students to pursue graduate education in Speech-Language Pathology or a professional doctoral program in Audiology.

### **The Application Process**

Applications for the B.S. program in CMDS will be accepted twice a year. Students may apply for admission any time after completion of 30 semester hours of Auburn University core courses or their equivalent at another institution. Students must submit **an application and official transcripts** showing successful completion of the 30 semester hours of university core coursework. Admission will be based on grade point average of the student's highest graded 30 semester hours of university core courses at the time of admission or cumulative GPA, whichever is higher. Each year the department will determine the maximum number of students that can be accepted based on accreditation standards and departmental resources. Typically, the top 25-30 students will be selected for the program based on their GPA. Late applicants will be accepted if there are openings and students who are not accepted may re-apply at a future time. Consideration of early acceptance for outstanding applicants will be subject to departmental review.

### **Starting the CMDS Course Sequence**

In order to insure reasonable class sizes, completion of departmental prerequisite course work and adequate progress through the program for all students, entrance into our course rotation is of **critical importance**. Students may begin the CMDS course sequence **only** in Summer or Fall semesters:

1. **January Deadline Applicants:** students who apply for CMDS admission by the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and are accepted into the CMDS major are expected to begin the CMDS course sequence **only** in the Summer semester. These students have priority for seats in these classes and the department guarantees them admission to the courses. **Therefore January applicants are making a commitment to attend in the Summer.** Students who apply in January and do not attend in Summer must re-apply for Fall admission.
2. **May Deadline Applicants:** students who apply for CMDS admission by the May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline and are accepted into the CMDS major are expected to begin the CMDS course sequence **only** in the Fall Semester. These students have priority for seats in these classes and the department guarantees them admission to the courses. Students who apply in May and do not attend in Fall must re-apply for Summer admission.

**It is the student's responsibility to submit a CMDS application and relevant transcripts to the department prior to the deadlines listed above. It is also the student's responsibility to insure that his/her application folder is complete by the deadline. Verifying the completeness of the application can be done by contacting the director of undergraduate studies by telephone or e-mail.** Students interested in the Communication Disorders program may obtain application information from the following address:

Dr. Nancy J. Haak, Associate Professor & Director of Undergraduate Studies  
Department of Communication Disorders, 1199 Haley Center  
Auburn University, Alabama 36849-5232  
Ph.: (334) 844-9600      Fax: (334) 844-4585      e-mail: [Haaknan@auburn.edu](mailto:Haaknan@auburn.edu)

For more information on our Programs, please visit our website at  
[http://www.auburn.edu/communication\\_disorders/](http://www.auburn.edu/communication_disorders/)

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION INTO THE  
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AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ For Academic Year 20\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle/Maiden)

LOCAL Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt. No.) Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Student Banner # or Global ID (GID) \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT Address \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Apt. No.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH OF THE ABOVE ADDRESSES WE SHOULD SEND YOUR LETTER OF  
ACCEPTANCE /REJECTION TO: PERMANENT LOCAL

List all Colleges and Universities attended (Prior To Auburn)

College/University	Dates of Acceptance
(From)	(Until)

**The following Official Transcripts Must Include:**

1. AU transcript from most recent semester
2. Transcripts from Colleges/Universities listed above **IF** they include **TRANSFER CREDIT** for **AU Core Courses**

**And Mailed to:**  
Dr. Nancy J. Haak  
Undergraduate Program Officer  
Department of Communication Disorders  
1199 Haley Center  
Auburn University, AL 36849

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Courses to be counted toward Auburn University Core  
Please record grades for all core courses

(The Director of Admissions will compute a GPA for your BEST 30 of the 41 core hours)

Course	Grade	(If course not taken at AU)
ENGL 1100 English Comp I (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
ENGL 1120 English Comp II (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
ENGL 2200 World Literature I (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
ENGL 2210 World Literature II (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
HIST 1010 World History I (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
HIST 1020 World History II (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
* _____ Core Philosophy (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
* _____ Core Fine Arts (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
Core Group I Social Science (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
Core Group II Social Science (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
* _____ Core Math (3)	_____	Equivalent _____
BIOL 1000 Intro Biology (4)	_____	Equivalent _____
BIOL 1010 Survey of Life (4)	_____	Equivalent _____

\* See AU Bulletin for options in University Core Curriculum

## **CRITICAL ISSUES PROSPECTIVE COMMUNICATION DISORDERS UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS SHOULD CONSIDER**

As you apply for admission to our program in Communication Disorders you should seriously think about the following important factors:

- You must go on to Graduate School and complete your Masters degree to obtain employment in the full range of SLP work settings in our field (e.g., hospitals, private practice, rehabilitation centers, public school systems). In Audiology you must complete a professional doctoral program.
- The job market for those earning a Masters degree is currently excellent and is projected to remain favorable. The job market for those holding only a Bachelors degree is *very* limited.
- Competition for admission to graduate school in Communication Disorders is more intense than for admission to undergraduate programs. Students should strive to obtain a cumulative GPA of above a 3.2 to maximize their chances of acceptance to graduate study.
- There are some 240 graduate programs in Communication Disorders in the United States accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Students approaching graduate school should apply to as many programs as possible to insure acceptance somewhere. Do not just apply to Auburn University or one or two other places. The competition level of acceptance to graduate school usually is relative to the status and size of the university. That is, smaller programs with less prestige will be less competitive than large, well-known programs.
- Students should consider taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) early so that they have the opportunity to retake the examination and improve their score if it is not high enough.