

# PATHWAYS | COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders



COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS

## COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- You may choose to declare Pre-CMDS in the College of Liberal Arts, however, applications are accepted from any other program.
- Consider taking CMDS 3000 Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology or CMDS 2503 Communication Disorders in Society.

SOPHOMORE

- In order to apply you must complete 30 of the 41 hours of core curriculum and maintain a "B" average across your 2 Core Courses in English Composition.

JUNIOR

- You will begin taking your upper division coursework after admittance into the program.

SENIOR

- You will have opportunities to observe practicum and serve as a junior clinician.

## ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- You are encouraged to contact the CMDS Undergraduate Program Coordinator or Department Chair whenever you have questions about the fields of Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology.



Tichenor Hall, home of the College of Liberal Arts student advising.

- Make an appointment with CMDS faculty when you are preparing to apply for the major and/or when you have questions about supporting coursework, or are seeking input with regard to selecting a thematic concentration or minor.

- Meet with someone in the Career Center to explore career options and receive individualized assistance.
- Speak with faculty about graduate programs in this field.

- Work with the Career Center to update your résumé and continue assembling a portfolio of your work.

## GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Take advantage of opportunities to observe/shadow speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists working in the field.

- Develop your leadership skills, organizing group events, and building university and community ties.
- Volunteer with organizations related to your career goals and intended population of clients.

- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.

- Attend career events like Education Interview Day for employment opportunities.
- Consider obtaining research experience to enhance your graduate school applications.

## GET INVOLVED

- Guests interested in the CMDS major may attend some of the Auburn University Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association's meetings.

- Many students in the major take part in the AU Chapter's community and educational programs.

- Utilize AUInvolve (auburn.edu/auinvolve) to identify organizations of interest, to attend meetings and enhance your resume.



- Serve in leadership roles in organizations, such as AU chapter of NSSLHA, and in the community.

## CAREER PLANNING

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

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This is a field with a heavy emphasis on advanced education. Pursue multiple experiential and research opportunities to be competitive. You will also need to maintain a high GPA and perform well on the GRE to qualify for admission.

#### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

MINIMUM EDUCATION: B.A.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$20.8K-\$34.2K

#### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S., M.C.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$44.9K-\$70.8K

#### AUDILOGIST

MINIMUM EDUCATION: Au.D.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$45.1K-\$71.2K

These are just three options out of many that Communication Disorders majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.

Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center

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