10 Reasons why YOU Want to Be a COMD Student at LSU!

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES and DISORDERS
1. The Great Environment
Our Beautiful Building

COMD Office with COMD work-study undergraduates

COMD building

Tiger prints lead to LSU Speech & Hearing Clinic

Speech and Hearing Clinic
2. COMD leads to a fabulous career

- Hospitals, Schools, Private Practice, Rehab Centers, Clinics, Early Steps and More!
## Quick Facts: Speech-Language Pathologists

| **2020 Median Pay**          | $80,480 per year  
|                              | $38.69 per hour   |
| **Typical Entry-Level Education** | Master's degree |
| **Work Experience in a Related Occupation** | None |
| **On-the-job Training**      | Internship/residency|
| **Number of Jobs, 2020**     | 158,100           |
| **Job Outlook, 2020-30**     | 29% (Much faster than average) |
| **Employment Change, 2020-30** | 45,400            |
With Great Job Outlook

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Audiology
3. Fascinating Classes
Mrs. Holman, the COMD advisor, will make sure you stay on track!

Group Meetings
Individual Meetings
Frequent emails
On-line scheduling
Twitter reminders
Facebook updates
Undergraduate Courses Offered Fall and Spring

What are the titles of the COMD courses?

COMD 2050 – Introduction to Language
COMD 2081 – Introduction to Communication Disorders
COMD 2051 – Manual Sign Language (elective)

COMD 3150 – Phonetics
COMD 4381 – Basic Articulation Disorders
COMD 4250 – Anatomy & Physiology of Speech & Hearing
COMD 4153 – Acoustics of Speech & Hearing
COMD 4190 – Introduction to Audiology
COMD 4590 – Auditory Rehabilitation in Children
COMD 4380 – Speech and Language Development
COMD 4382 – Basic Language Disorders

Senior Electives
COMD 4682 – Introduction to Clinical Practicum
COMD 4683,4,5 – Clinical Practica
COMD 4751 – Special Topics in Communication Disorders (Intro to Hearing Sciences)
COMD 4383 – Basic Fluency Disorders
COMD 4751 – Special Topics in Communication Disorders (Adult Neurogenic Disorders)
COMD 4753 – Bilingual
4. Fabulous Academic Faculty

Dr. Oetting
Child Language

Dr. Kunduk
Voice & Dysphagia

Dr. Gibson
Bilingualism

Dr. Duncan
Adult Language

Dr. Chung
Child Speech

Dr. Haebig
Autism

Dr. Schneider
Child Language

Dr. Johari
Neurogenic Disorders

Dr. Mohapatra
Aphasia
Hands-on Classroom Learning

One student gives a test to a child during class ...

while other students practice scoring
Hands-on Learning in Course Labs

Student transcribing language samples in undergraduate Language Development Lab to apply information learned in class.
Communication Intensive Courses Involve Demonstrating Knowledge through Written and Multi-Media Projects

COMD undergraduates receiving recognition at Distinguished Communicator Ceremony
5. Amazing Clinical Instructors

Melissa Lalande
Clinical Director

Monica Holman
UG Advisor

Keeney Olinde

Whitney Sutherland
Audiologist

Rose Pointer

Courtney Gonsoulin

Sara Mele

Elaina McMurry

Veronica Walker

Leslie Weidman
6. A Wide Array of clinical practical experiences

**Hearing Services**
- Comprehensive Audiometric Evaluations (infant, child, adult)
- Hearing Aid Evaluation/Fitting
- Otoacoustic Emissions Testing (infant, child, adult)
- Evaluation of Auditory Processing Disorders (child, adult)

**Speech and Language Treatment**
- Speech Sound Disorders
- Language Delay or Disorders
- Fluency Disorders (stuttering)
- Rehabilitation of the laryngectomized patient
- Neurological damage or disease (stroke, TBI patients)
- Voice disorders
- Cleft Palate
- Aural Rehabilitation for the hearing impaired
- Pediatric Feeding Disorders
- Adult Swallowing Disorders
Child Language Intervention

Group preschool activities

Play is a natural context for language learning

Creating authentic communication opportunities

Storybook reading teaches language and literacy
State-of-the Art Voice Equipment

Student learns to use nasometer

Student conducts stroboscopy to check vocal folds
Full Range of Audiology Services

Child’s ears are checked for problems

Custom-made ear protection

Hearing testing in audiology booth

Free hearing screening in community
Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing

Babies and toddler receive evaluations and parents receive feeding training through on and off-campus clinics

Mrs. Gonsoulin supervises this program
Adult Language Disorders

Student working with adult who lost communication skills following a stroke but is now back in the classroom
Fluency Disorders

Client practices maintaining fluency while reading and use state-of-the-art equipment to assess people who stutter.
Students take part in the OLOL cleft palate team which has been designated as an official team by the ACPA (American Cleft Palate Association), the first recognized team in LA. We were also designated as an official cranial facial team.
LSU Lab School

COMD students provide speech-language assessment and intervention for the LSU Lab School
Use State-of-Art Technology
LSU Satellite Program: Scottish Rite Speech & Language Center

LSU students provide speech and language therapy to children at the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center. Students also receive a scholarship from this organization.
This new program serves children with Autism

LSU Satellite Programs in Community

AUTISM
7. Undergraduates are actively involved in research

Margaret Crocker, COMD Jr., presenting her research "Using Smartphone Apps to Measure Sound Pressure Level."
Many Undergraduates Volunteer for Faculty Research Labs

Students entering data into computers

Student processing and collect data for fluency lab

Student completes a lab assignment
Labs Lead to Lifetime Friends
McNair Research Scholars

This COMD student examined Cajun English features using her grandmother as her informant.

The McNair program prepares students who are first-generation, low-income, and ethnically underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral studies.
BA Honors Thesis

This student followed a child with autism for seven months, collecting language samples using skills she learned in class.

This student evaluated five years of data collected from the infant hearing screenings.
Amanda Holley prepares materials to explore letter-sound learning with and without pictured letters in inner city preK children.
ASPIRE Undergraduate Research

The ASPIRE undergraduate research program is unique to our College of Humanities & Social Sciences at LSU. ASPIRE students perform research under the guidance of a mentor, and present their work at a regional or national academic conference.
8. Service and Friendship within NSSSLHA

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

www.nsslha.org
Follow our chapter on Face book
Cool Clothes - a NSSHLA fundraiser
Opportunities for Leadership in the LSU UG Chapter National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
FUNdraising for NSSLHA!
NSSLHA members at a COMD party!
Leadership Roles in Planning and Implementing Conference including a tour of the LSU Tiger Stadium
Halloween Fun

[Images of Halloween costumes and decorations]

[Images of a group of people dressed as food items, with signs and props]
9. Service to the Community

The Nana Project
By Tara Kistler
The Emerge Center for Children

Volunteer and paid positions
10. Graduation with options

Clinical faculty ponder the many career options for speech-language pathologists!
BA Degree in COMD
Stay at LSU and Enter the Masters Program in Speech-Language Pathology

The entry level degree for a speech-language pathologist is an MA
### Employment Rate

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Attend Graduate School in Speech-Pathology or Audiology at another University

Our students are accepted into the best programs in the country.
Go into Other Related Fields

Speech Assistant
Occupational Therapy
Special Education
Linguistics
Deaf Education
Medical Management

Geaux COMD Tigers!