

Communication Disorders (BA/BS)

Boldface courses must be taken in sequence.

Semester 1

- CMDS 200: Introduction to Communication Disorders (3 cr)

- TRU 120: First-Year Seminar (3 cr)
- ENG 190: Writing as Critical Thinking (3 cr)
- Foreign Language (*as placed*) (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 2

- CMDS 200: Introduction to Communication Disorders (*if not taken Fall Semester*) (3 cr),

- OR** Elective (3 cr)
- COMM 170: Public Speaking (3 cr)
- PSYC 166: General Psychology (3 cr)
- MATH 156: College Algebra (**) (3 cr)
- Foreign Language (*as placed*) (3 cr)

(**) = MATH 186: Precalculus (4 cr) can be taken in place of MATH 156: College Algebra (3 cr) **and** MATH 157: Plane Trigonometry (2 cr). Must take MATH 156 **and** 157, **OR** MATH 186 to cover both.

Semester 3

- CMDS 261: Phonetics (3 cr)

- B.A. or B.S. required support course (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)
- MATH 157 Plane Trigonometry (**) (2 cr)
- CHEM 100: Chemistry for Contemporary Living (4 cr),
- OR** PHYS 100: Concepts in Physics (4 cr)

(**) = MATH 186: Precalculus (4 cr) can be taken in place of MATH 156: College Algebra (3 cr) **and** MATH 157: Plane Trigonometry (2 cr). Must take MATH 156 **and** 157, **OR** MATH 186 to cover both.

Semester 4

- CMDS 101: Clinical Observation I (1 cr)

- CMDS 261: Phonetics (*if not taken Semester 3*) (3 cr)**
- CMDS 460: Language Development (3 cr)**
- Missouri Statute (1-3 cr)
- PSYC 332: Child Development (3 cr), **OR** PSYC 377: Developmental Psychology (3 cr)
- BA/BS required support course (3 cr)
- BIOL 100: Biology (4 cr)

Semester 5

- CMDS 470: The Speech Mechanism (3 cr)

- CMDS 472: Audiology (3 cr)**
- CMDS 301: Clinical Observation II (1 cr)**
- LING 238: Introduction to Linguistics (3 cr)
- STAT 190: Basic Statistics (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

Semester 6

- CMDS 380: Principles of Clinical Management (3 cr)

- CMDS 473: Aural Rehabilitation (Δ) (3 cr)**
- CMDS 477: Articulation and Phonology (Δ) (3 cr)**
- CMDS 550: Counseling in Communication Disorders (Δ) (3 cr)**
- JINS 3XX: WE/_____ (3 cr)

(Δ) = CMDS 473, 477, and 550 are required for CMDS 480: WE/Clinical Practice [CAPSTONE OPTION 1]. These are not required for CMDS 489: WE/Capstone in Communication Disorders [CAPSTONE OPTION 2]. It is strongly recommended that 25 hours of observation be completed prior to enrolling in CMDS 489.

Semester 7

- CMDS 474: Speech and Hearing Science (3 cr)
- CMDS 490: Professional Issues in Communication Disorders (3 cr)
- **CAPSTONE OPTION 1 > CMDS 480: WE/Clinical Practice Capstone (3 cr)**
- Elective (∞) (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum coursework (6 cr)

(∞) = Selected graduate courses may be taken Fall or Spring Semester Senior Year if undergraduate hours are not needed (e.g., CMDS 567: Neural Bases of Speech, Language, and Swallowing; or CMDS 578: Augmentative & Alternative Communication)

Semester 8

- **CAPSTONE OPTION 1 > CMDS 480: WE/Clinical Practice Capstone (***) (3 cr), OR CAPSTONE OPTION 2 > CMDS 489: WE/Capstone in Communication Disorders (***) (3 cr)**
- CMDS 520: Interprofessional Healthcare Team Experience (if needed) (1 cr)
- Elective (∞) (3 cr)
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- Dialogues Curriculum coursework (3 cr)

(***) Students must complete one elective to obtain 30 hours in the CMDS Major.

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NOTES:

- Total Hours Required = 123
- CMDS 475: Sign Language (3 cr) is offered as an elective – when available.
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- WE = Writing Enhanced course
- If you have not completed the Civics Exam, we recommend doing so in your **first year**.
- Truman students are required to complete a [Portfolio](#) to graduate. We recommend starting to compile your work for the Portfolio sooner than later.
- Students must complete their Application to Graduate **the semester prior to graduating**. Apply to graduate through TruView.
- Graduating seniors need to complete their seniors test and questionnaire. We recommend reviewing the [Assessment & Testing page](#) to plan accordingly.
- **The Dialogues curriculum** requires a certain number of courses/credit hours in the following Perspectives: Social, Arts and Humanities, STEM, Communications, and Statistics. The exact number of courses a student will be required to take during their undergraduate career varies individually according to the credit transferred in.

Department Chair: Please contact the [Center for Academic Excellence](#) with any updates to the plan above. Rev. 7-30-24