Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Clinical Prerequisites in Communication Disorders

- Offering eleven common pre-requisites that students often need to complete before graduate study in speech-language pathology or audiology
- Students may choose online or in-person options
- Instructors in the Communication Disorders department have worked as clinicians and/or done research with clinical populations in speech-language pathology or audiology.
- Courses are often offered in different semesters in the in-person and online programs.
- Students have access to UMass student services and resources, including Communication Disorders Department and School of Public Health and Health Sciences Advising and Career Development.

In-Person Program

- Students in the in-person program take courses with UMass undergraduates.
- Courses are blocked 8:30 am – 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Contact Joy Holhut, jholhut@comdis.umass.edu or (413) 545-0131 for more information.

Online Program

- Courses are offered asynchronously, allowing students to complete coursework on their own timeline.
- Online instructors use accessible design to ensure that students taking our courses with assistive technology are fully able to access materials and participate.
- Contact Gwyneth Rost, grost@umass.edu or (413) 545-3636 for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Students can choose to complete the full sequence of courses or take courses à la carte. Students may take all courses within a year or complete the coursework part-time over several years.
- Tuition and fees do not differ for online and in-person programs. Costs are set by the University without Walls at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and can be found at https://www.umass.edu/uww/.
- There is no application. Students register on a first-come, first-served basis. Information can be found here: https://www.umass.edu/online/how-enroll.
- Completion of prerequisite coursework does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology at UMass or elsewhere.

Courses Offered 2020-2021

- Introduction to Communication Disorders
  Comm-Dis 100; 4 credits
  online only, spring, summer, and fall semesters

- Anatomy & Physiology 1: The Speech and Hearing Mechanisms
  Comm-Dis 211; 3 Credits
  online spring semesters, in-person fall semesters

  Comm-Dis 212; 3 credits
  in-person only, spring semesters

- Phonetic Processing
  Comm-Dis 213; 3 credits
  online spring semesters, in-person spring semesters

- Introduction to Hearing Science
  Comm-Dis 214; 3 credits
  in-person only, spring semesters

- Speech and Language Development
  Comm-Dis 301; 3 credits
  multimodal (can be done entirely online), fall semesters

- Introduction to Speech Science
  Comm-Dis 312; 3 credits
  online fall semesters, in-person spring semesters

- Introduction to Audiology
  Comm-Dis 313; 3 credits
  online spring semesters, in-person fall semesters

- Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation
  Comm-Dis 316; 3 credits
  in-person spring semesters, online summer semesters

- Speech and Language Disorders
  Comm-Dis 415; 3 credits
  in-person fall semesters, online spring semesters

- Clinical Observations
  Comm-Dis 496K; 1 credit
  online spring, summer, and fall semesters