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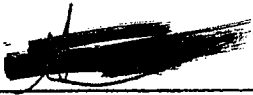
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Dear Committee,

Attached please find the Communication Sciences and Disorders (COMD) section of the Undergraduate Catalog. Changes proposed are highlighted with comments. Below I have outlined the comments for better readability.

1. The number of credit hours is clarified and includes the national certification requirements for distribution of courses outside the department. These courses include Biology and Physical Sciences.
2. Increased the students' flexibility in completing Social Sciences requirements for our major. We used to require specific Psychology courses and a Methods course. Now we propose requiring 6 hours of Social Science courses including 3 hours of 2000+ level Psychology course.
3. We propose a reordering of the content to better reflect actual sequence of requirements.
4. We have reformatted some of the paragraphs to enhance readability.
5. Removed language in the COMD Minor that referred to PHYS 2340 which was removed from our program through this committee in 2007-8.

Thank you for your consideration.


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General Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree

In addition to successful completion of the university core requirements and CLASS college requirements, students must:

1. Complete 47 semester hours for the major consisting of the following courses
 - COMD 1333, 2139, 2338, 2339, 2376, 2385, 3375, 3380, 3381, 4333, 4382, 4489, and;
 - 6 hours of Social Sciences (must include 3 hours of 2000+ level Psychology courses). A list of suggested courses is available from the COMD advisor.

The following courses are required by the Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). Both of these requirements can be met through University Core Courses.

- A college level Biology course (3 hours)
 - A college level Physical Sciences course (3 hours)
2. All COMD majors will be advised by COMD undergraduate faculty and staff advisor(s).
 3. Acceptance into the COMD major will only occur upon successful completion of the departmental core. Acceptance in the major is a prerequisite for COMD 3380, Professional Writing in Communication Disorders. The department core is successfully completed when the student has earned a grade of B- or better in each of the following four COMD Core courses. COMD Core courses may NOT be repeated.
 - COMD 2338: Phonetics
 - COMD 2339: Speech and Language Development
 - COMD 2139: Speech and Language Development Lab
 - COMD 2376: Anatomy and Physiology for Communication
 4. All COMD courses must be completed with a grade no lower than B-. A student may earn no more than one grade below a B- in a COMD major course.
 - Enrollment in the major will not be permitted after a second grade below B- is earned.

Comment [mjd1]: Includes total number of required hours for the major: 35 COMD hours, 6 Social Science hours, 3 Physical Science hours, 3 Biology hours.

Comment [mjd2]: Allows for students to choose from broader spectrum of Social Science courses.

Comment [mjd3]: This is reordered to reflect timeline of requirement completion.

- A single course may be repeated ONCE to resolve a grade below a B-
- Grades below B- in a prerequisite course must be resolved before enrollment in subsequent courses.
- Students who earn more than one grade below a B- may petition the faculty to remain in the major.
 - A meeting to consider petitions is scheduled at the end of the fall and spring semesters.
 - Please see the COMD Academic Advisor for guidance in writing a strong petition letter and to determine specific dates for submission.

5. Students must file a degree plan once the following requirements are completed:

- 60 credit hours must be completed with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a COMD major cumulative GPA of not less than 2.67.
- University Core requirements must be complete as follows:
 - 6 core credits Communications
 - 6 core credits Math or Math Reasoning
 - 6 core credits Natural Science (3 credits Biology must be included, with a grade of C or better)
 - 6 core credits U.S. History
 - 6 core credits Political Science
 - 3 core credits Social Science
 - 3 core credits Visual and Performing Arts
- 21 major hours must be completed in COMD
- All completed courses that are required by the major must have a grade of B- or better.
- Only one required COMD course may be repeated to achieve this standard

6. Clinical Procedures, COMD 4489, is a required class and is one of the final courses taken as part of the COMD sequence. This course introduces students to the clinical process and has a strong hands-on component. There is no substitute for this course. The following eligibility requirements are strictly enforced. Only students with senior status may enroll in Clinical Procedures.

- Students must have a COMD degree plan filed and approved prior to enrollment.

Comment [mj04]: Stipulations for the B- or better requirement are listed for easier interpretation.

Comment [mj05]: This is reordered to reflect timing of requirement completion.

Comment [mj06]: This is reordered to reflect timing of requirement completion.

- Students must have a GPA of 2.67 in the COMD major. This includes grades for all COMD courses taken. If a course has been repeated, both grades enter into the calculation.
 - Ideally, Speech and Language Disorders in Children, COMD 3375, should be completed prior to enrollment in Clinical Procedures. However, it may be taken concurrently with Clinical Procedures, with instructor approval
7. Students who enroll (register) for advanced classes in COMD without successful completion of the prerequisites will be dropped by the instructor. Neither the department nor the instructor will be responsible for tuition refunds.
 8. Courses in the major that are seven or more years old may not count toward a degree whether taken at the University of Houston or transferred to the University of Houston. A minimum of twelve hours of advanced COMD courses must be taken in residence in the department.
 9. ~~All COMD majors must pass a speech, voice, and language proficiency test.~~

Comment [mj07]: This is reordered to reflect timing of requirement completion

The communication disorders academic program is accredited by the Council of Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA).

Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor

Minor Requirements:

1. 15 hours of specified course work must be completed, 9 of which are advanced.
2. 9 semester hours must be in residence of which 6 must be advanced
3. Students who are completing a minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders must earn a minimum grade of C in each minor course.
4. The following courses are required for the COMD Minor (total 15 credits):
 - COMD 2339: Speech and Language Development
 - COMD 2139: Speech and Language Development Lab
 - COMD 3381: Fundamentals of Audiology
 - COMD 3301: Deaf Culture
 - COMD 4382: Aural Rehabilitation
 - **Choice of:**
 - COMD 2376: Anatomy and Physiology for Communication OR
 - COMD 2385: Speech Science

Comment [mj08]: Removed PHYS 2340 which is no longer offered

