

LSU COMD M.A. OPEN HOUSE



LSU COMD Grad Program Application & Admission



How to apply?

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- LSU Graduate website: <https://applygrad.lsu.edu/apply/>

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Welcome to our Slate Graduate Application Portal!

LSU A&M Baton Rouge Campus

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate School at Louisiana State University A&M. Our Slate Application Portal allows you to apply to our multiple graduate degree programs, upload materials, and communicate with admission officers. Prior to submitting your graduate application, please feel free to review our [application checklist](#).

The 2025 Graduate Application (Spring 2025, Summer 2025, and Fall 2025) is now open.

Click "Start New Application". Select **2025 LSU Graduate School Application**.

Second Summer 2024 & Fall 2024 LSU Online Applications are still open!

Apply Now or Check Your Application Status Below!

Returning users:

Already submitted your application? Once you submit your application, you will have access to an application portal that tracks your process and leads you through the next steps.

[Log in](#)

First-time users:

Choose "Create an account" below to begin your journey. An email will be sent to you with a temporary PIN and instructions that you can use to sign in for the first-time.

[Create an account](#)

Create your account,
activate with temporary PIN
Select "Start New Application"

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- <https://applygrad.lsu.edu/apply/>
- Click “First-Time Users”
- Create your account, activate with temporary PIN
- Select “Start New Application”
- **Select “On-Campus”**

Program of Study

What is your admission type?

Please select your admission type below.

If you are applying to admission into the **Sci** more information on their degree programs

Admission type

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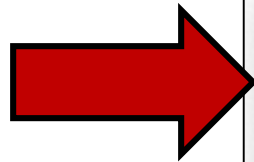
On-campus

Online



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- Select “Start New Application”
- Select “On-Campus”
- **Select “Master’s”**



Academic Program

Select your program of choice. A full list of available programs can be found </admissions/programs-degrees.php>.

Please read the departmental guidelines carefully. Note that some programs may have specific requirements.

- ✓ Master's
- Doctoral
- Certificate
- Non-Degree (non-matriculating; intending to pursue a few graduate courses)

How to apply?

- Select:
- **“Communication Disorders – MA”**
(found under “College of Humanities & Social Sciences”)
- **“Fall YEAR”**



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*Degree Type

Master's

*Select a Program

Communication Disorders - MA

Semester/Module

*What is the semester or module you plan to enroll?

Fall 2026

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Required Application Materials

1. Official transcript(s).

- Unofficial transcript(s) will suffice during review, but official transcripts must be received and grades confirmed upon acceptance.
- In general, a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

2. CV/Resume

3. A purpose statement

- A 1-2 page statement with standard formatting
- Single-spaced
- 1-inch margins
- 12 point Times New Roman font

4. Letters of recommendation (3)

5. Supplemental materials (writing samples)

6. Online application fee

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * ONLY **complete** applications received before the deadline will be reviewed by the COMD admissions committee members.
- Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

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Admissions

JANUARY 15TH, 2026

LSU's MA program in Communication Sciences and Disorders offers advanced study in speech-language pathology. The Department accepts new graduate students only in the Fall semester; the deadline for receipt of applications is **January 15th** (or the following Monday if the first falls on a weekend). Spring admission is offered only by departmental invitation.



Further detail about admissions

The screenshot shows the website for the LSU Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. The top navigation bar includes links for LSU.edu, myLSU, Employee Hub, Directories, Give, Visit, Apply, Employment, and Contact Us, along with a search bar. The main header features the LSU logo and the department name. A secondary navigation bar lists various sections: About, Undergraduate, Masters, Doctoral, Clinical Services, People, Research, Alumni, and Diversity. The 'Masters' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of links: COMD MA Mission, MA in Speech-Language Pathology, Accreditation, Departmental Tours, FAQs, Admissions, Typical Course Sequence, Graduate Course Descriptions, Students Without a BA/BS in COMD, Student Outcome Data, MA Theses, and Praxis, State Licensure and National Certification. A large red arrow points to the 'Admissions' link. The background content of the page includes a section for 'MA in Speech-Language Pathology' with text about admission requirements and a 'Unique Features' section.

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Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

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MA in Speech-Language Pathology

Students who have completed a BA in Communication Disorders prior to admission into the MA program are required to complete 48 credit hours of graduate course work, including 33 hours of academic courses and 15 hours of clinical practice. Thesis and nonthesis tracks are available to students as part of the 48 credits.

Students with a BA or BS in another field are required to complete 48 credit hours of graduate course work as well as a number of undergraduate pre-requisites that are required for national certification. Depending on the number of pre-requisites needed, the MA program may require up to one additional year to complete.

Unique Features

All MA-level courses are taught by graduate faculty who hold doctoral degrees.

MA level students have access to research laboratories equipped with state-of-the-art computer-based systems for measurement and analysis of normal and impaired speech, language, hearing, voice, and swallowing processes.

The department participates in LSU's Interdisciplinary Program in Linguistics and the LSU Life Course and Aging Center; these programs provide MA students access to faculty who are conducting research in fields related to Communication Disorders.

Our on-campus clinic is supported by nine clinical sites. Our client base is culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse and includes families living in both rural and urban settings.

We have affiliate agreements with a broad range of off-campus sites for clinical training, providing students with experience in child and adult speech, language, voice, fluency, swallowing diagnostics and treatments that occur in hospitals, schools, private practices, and various other settings.

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Tips!

- Start Early!
- Make sure to track your application status
 - Contact your referee and remind them before the deadline!



Other Requirements

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- English proficiency
- Program prerequisites

- Biological sciences
- Physical sciences (chemistry or physics)
- Statistics
- Social/behavioral sciences

- COMD 3150 Phonetics
- COMD 4153 Acoustics
- COMD 4190 Intro to Audiology
- COMD 4250 Anatomy & Physiology
- COMD 4380 Language Development
- COMD 4381 Speech Sound Disorders
- COMD 4382 Language Disorders
- COMD 4383 Fluency

ADMISSIONS: Review Process



Admissions

- Number of applications: 80-170 (last 10 years)
- Number accepted: 30-40
- Fall MA : 23-30

Evaluation items

1. Statement of Purpose
2. Letters of Recommendation (3)
3. GPA
4. GRE
5. Writing Samples: **optional** but encouraged

Evaluation items: 1) Statement of Purpose

1. Knowledge of the field
2. Professional goals (ambition)
3. Overall writing abilities

	Knowledge	Ambition	Writing
Exceptional	3	3	3
High	2	2	2
Average	1	1	1
Weak	0	0	0

Evaluation items: 2) Letters of Recommendation

	3 Exceptional	2 High	1 Average	0 Weak
3 Academic Faculty Clinic Supervisor Familiarity: Knows well	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5
2 Academic Faculty Clinic Supervisor Familiarity: Casual	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.0
1 Non-academic/COMD organization	2.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
0 Family friend, Non-professional	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.0

Evaluation items: GPA

- GPA (accepted applicants)
 - Mean: 3.83
 - Median: 3.86
 - Range: 3.2 – 4.15

Admissions

- Those who score highest during review are **admitted** first (~25-30 for Fall admission)
- Next are **waitlisted** (~20-30 for Fall admission)
- Because many applicants apply to multiple programs, not all admitted students ultimately enroll. As a result, students placed on the waitlist do have a chance of being accepted if spots become available.



Q & A