



# STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2023

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS  
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### MISSION

The mission of the Department of Communication Disorders at California State University, Los Angeles is to develop future generations of scholars, professionals, and clinicians in communication sciences and disorders and related fields. Our students, faculty, and alumni contribute to the public good by transforming the lives of individuals with and without communication disorders in the greater Los Angeles area and in national and global communities.

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### VISION

The Department of Communication Disorders will attain academic distinction and promote student success through high-quality education and unique opportunities accessible to all students.

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### VALUES

The values of the Department of Communication Disorders follow the University's values of:

- Students First
- Pushing Boundaries
- Engagement, Service, and the Public Good
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Student Engagement
- Engaged Teaching and Learning
- Academic Distinction
- Community of Scholars
- A Culture of Excellence
- Transparent Collaborative Decision-Making
- Mutual Respect
- Academic Freedom

In addition the Department values improving the quality of life of people with disabilities by providing quality speech-language pathology and audiology services to individuals in the community and their families.

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## **DEPARTMENT KEY INITIATIVES**

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA #1: ACADEMIC DISTINCTION**

#### Department Key Initiatives:

Strengthen the preparation of SLPs to meet the needs of multilingual/multicultural populations in the greater Los Angeles area.

Prepare audiologists to meet the professional standards and criteria set by accrediting bodies.

Promote the teacher-scholar model by supporting faculty and student research and clinical projects.

### **STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA #2: STUDENT SUCCESS**

#### Department Key Initiatives:

Recruit and support graduate students from diverse backgrounds.

Expand networking and mentoring opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

Increase awareness of and access to a wide range of career opportunities for students with a Communication Disorders major.

Enhance effective communication among and between Communication Disorders students, faculty and staff, and increase the Department's visibility in the campus and local communities.