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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Curriculum in Speech and Hearing Science

The PhD program in Speech and Hearing Science is tailored to the interests and background of the individual student. Therefore the curriculum is designed for maximum flexibility. This apparent lack of structure may be daunting to some prospective doctoral students, but the faculty is committed to requirements that permit the student and their advisor(s) to design coursework and laboratory experiences that are best suited to the student's specific area of interest and intended career track.

Research is paramount to PhD study. Accordingly, research experience in either laboratory or clinical settings is fully expected before the student begins a dissertation project.

The graduate school requires that the PhD student complete a minimum of 80 graduate (semester) credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. A minimum of 24 graduate hours beyond the master's degree, or its equivalent, must be taken at Ohio State University. Within the constraints of the Graduate School rules, Speech and Hearing Science has two paths to the PhD.

- I. **If the student holds a master's or professional doctorate degree in a related field, then 30 graduate semester hours can be counted toward the total 80. The requirements are as follows:**
 1. A minimum of 50 graduate semester hours beyond your graduate degree, including:
 - a. A minimum of 32 graduate semester hours in Speech and Hearing Science, including:
 - i. A minimum of 12-semester hours of advanced graduate coursework appropriate for doctoral study, as approved by your advisor.
 - ii. A minimum of 4-semester hours of SPHHRNG 8900 – Proseminar
 - iii. A minimum of 12-semester hours in specialized research projects (e.g., SPHHRNG 7193 or 8940), as approved by your advisor and committee.
 - iv. A minimum of 4 (maximum of 12) semester hours of SPHHRNG

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- b. A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours, inside or outside the Department, including:
 - i. A minimum of 9 hours of research tools (research design, statistics, or similar coursework). If taken within the department, they cannot count towards the 32 semester hours required in 1.a.
 - ii. A minimum of 9 hours of graduate coursework in an area outside your primary area (and typically outside the department) that forms a coherent theme or specialization, as approved by your advisor and committee.

II. If the student does not hold a graduate degree in a related field, then the requirements are as follows:

- 1. A minimum of 80 graduate semester hours, including:
 - a. A minimum of 52 graduate hours in Speech and Hearing Science, including:
 - i. A minimum of 22 hours of advanced graduate coursework appropriate for doctoral study, as approved by the advisor.
 - ii. A minimum of 4 hours of SPHHRNG 8900 – PhD Proseminar
 - iii. A minimum of 22 hours in specialized research projects (e.g., SPHHRNG 7193 or 8940), as approved by your advisor and committee.
 - iv. A minimum of 4 (maximum of 12 semester hours of SPHHRNG 8999 – Dissertation
 - b. A minimum of 28 graduate semester hours, inside or outside the Department, including:
 - i. A minimum of 9 hours of research tools (e.g., research design, statistics, or similar coursework). If taken within the department, they cannot count towards the 52 hours required above.
 - ii. A minimum of 9 hours of graduate coursework in an area outside your primary area – and typically outside the department – that forms a coherent theme or specialization, as approved by your advisor and committee.

Students interested in pursuing a dual-degree (AuD/PhD or MA-SLP/PhD) or clinical licensure/certification in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology during PhD study should contact the PhD Program Coordinator.