



Pre-Requisite Courses for Prospective Au.D. Students

The audiology program requires pre-requisite content in the following areas (the number in parenthesis is the number of the course that we offer at Ohio State):

- At least one course in college-level algebra and trigonometry
- At least one course in college-level physical sciences
- A course in phonetics and phonetic transcription (SHS 3320)
- A course in normal language development (SHS 3330)
- An introductory course in audiology (SHS 4540)

In many places, including Ohio State, the introductory course in audiology has pre-requisites in the areas of acoustics/psychoacoustics and anatomy and physiology of the ear. We allow students to “skip” those pre-requisites and move directly into SHS 4540 **IF** they are willing to complete background work on their own in conjunction with the SHS 4540 class. Please be aware that this places a significant burden on the student, especially on those who do not have a strong science and math background.

Some students are more comfortable taking the full range of pre-requisite coursework. Those students should add the following two courses to the courses listed above:

- A course in basic acoustics (SHS 3340)
- A course in anatomy/physiology of the ear and psychoacoustics (SHS 4440)

Students have a number of options for completing these pre-requisite courses.

1. Some students choose to enroll as continuing education students for a year before entering graduate school (either at Ohio State or any other school that offers an undergraduate degree in communication disorders). This has the advantage of allowing students to complete the full complement of courses at a more “leisurely” pace, while paying undergraduate fees.
2. Some students choose to take the courses via distance education (Ohio State, for example, offers all the courses listed above on-line during our Summer Institute). We have designed a sequence of courses offered Summer Session that will allow students to complete some of the pre-requisite courses prior to beginning graduate school in the fall. Information about the Summer Institute distance learning courses will be available on the Speech and Hearing home page in March or April.
3. If a student is still working on her/his undergraduate degree and she/he is at a university that has some or all of the courses available, the courses can be taken as electives – a degree in speech and hearing is not necessary. If all courses are not offered, the remainder can be taken on-line.

The courses do not all need to be taken before applying to graduate school. Instead, they are required prior to entry in the graduate program in the Autumn Semester. Consequently, we have several students completing the on-line Summer Institute before starting the graduate program in the fall. Because each case is different, you will likely want to contact Dr. Julie Hazelbaker, Au.D. Program Coordinator, at hazelbaker.22@osu.edu discuss your particular situation.