



Advising Sheet for 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. 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 her or his 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. 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:

- a. A minimum of 80 graduate semester hours total
- b. A minimum of 30 graduate semester hours in Speech and Hearing Science, including:
 1. A minimum of 12 semester hours of advanced graduate coursework appropriate for doctoral study, as approved by the advisor and advisory committee.
 2. 4 semester hours of SPHRNG 9000
 3. A research project equivalent to the Master's thesis, to be completed within the first year of study, unless an empirical Master's thesis was completed previously.
 4. A minimum of 12 semester hours in specialized research projects (e.g. SPHRNG 7893, 8893, or 8940), as approved by the advisor and advisory committee.
 5. A maximum of 12 semester hours of SPHRNG 8999 (Directed Doctoral Studies).
- c. A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours, inside or outside the Department, including:
 1. A minimum of 9 hours of research tools (research design, statistics, or similar coursework). If taken within the department, they cannot count towards the 30 semester hours required in I.b.

2. A minimum of 9 hours of graduate coursework in an area outside the student's primary area (and typically outside the department) that forms a coherent theme or specialization, as approved by the advisory committee.

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

- a. A minimum of 80 graduate semester hours total
- b. A minimum of 30 semester hours to prepare the student for the greater depth of study needed for the doctorate, approved by the advisor and advisory committee. At least 20 of these hours must be formal graduate coursework, inside or outside the Department.
- c. A minimum of 30 graduate semester hours in Speech and Hearing Science, including:
 1. A minimum of 12 semester hours of advanced graduate coursework appropriate for doctoral study, as approved by the advisor and advisory committee.
 2. 4 semester hours of SPHRNG 9000
 3. A research project equivalent to the Master's thesis, to be completed within the first two years of study.
 4. A minimum of 12 semester hours in specialized research projects (e.g. SPHRNG 7893, 8893, or 8940), as approved by the advisor and advisory committee.
 5. A maximum of 12 semester hours of SPHRNG 8999 (Directed Doctoral Studies).
- d. A minimum of 18 graduate semester hours, inside or outside the Department, including:
 1. A minimum of 9 hours of research tools (research design, statistics, or similar coursework). If taken within the department, they cannot count towards the 30 hours required in II.c.
 2. A minimum of 9 hours of graduate coursework in an area outside the student's primary area (and typically outside the department) that forms a coherent theme or specialization, as approved by the advisory committee.

Students interested in pursuing clinical licensure/certification in Audiology or Speech-Language Pathology during PhD study should contact the PhD Program Coordinator.