

Pre-Requisite Courses for Prospective AuD 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 here 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 320);
- a course in normal language development (SHS 330),
- an introductory course in Audiology (SHS 540);

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 540 **IF** they are willing to complete background work on their own in conjunction with the SHS 540 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 340);
- a course in anatomy/physiology of the ear and psychoacoustics (SHS 440);

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 you 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). We have designed a sequence of courses offered Summer Quarter that will allow you to complete all of the pre-requisite courses prior to beginning graduate school in the fall. Information about the Summer Quarter distance learning courses will be available on the Speech and Hearing home page in March.
- 3) If you are still working on your undergraduate degree and you are at a university that has some or all of the courses available, you can take the courses as electives—a degree in speech and hearing is not necessary. If all courses are not offered, you can take the remainder 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 Quarter. Consequently, we have several students completing the on-line Spring and Summer Institutes before starting the graduate program in the fall. As each case is different, you will likely want to contact the department at shsgradchair@osu.edu to discuss your particular situation.