SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING SCIENCES PH.D.

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (http://catalog.umt.edu/graduate/school-policies/).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any requirement is C. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

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- The program is made up of a combination of 60 credits of coursework and professional products courses, the preliminary comprehensive competency exam, and a dissertation.
- Students must pass a preliminary comprehensive competency exam that includes disciplinary knowledge, a critique of a research manuscript, and design of an experimental research study.
- In addition, students complete professional products courses in areas critical for the success of faculty or professionals in the speech, language, and hearing sciences that include the following:
  - research,
  - conference presentation,
  - writing for publication,
  - systematic review of research literature,
  - grant writing,
  - college teaching, and/or
  - supervision.
- Following the successful completion of coursework, the preliminary comprehensive competency exam, and professional products courses, students complete a directed research dissertation experience that contributes to the advancement of the field of speech, language, and hearing sciences.
- Full-time students entering with their completed masters' degree in an area related to speech, language, and hearing sciences can complete the PhD in 3-4 years.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Core Coursework		
Complete all of the following courses:		
SLP 694	Grad Seminar	3
SLHS Doctoral Series [1]		6
Content Specialization Coursework		
Complete 6 credits in the following subject areas chosen in consultation with your advisor:		6
SLP	Speech Language Pathology	
PSYX	Psychology	
BMED	Biomedical Sciences	
LING	Linguistics	
Research Preparation Coursework		
Complete all of the following courses:		
SLP 600	Research Methods	3
or EDLD 620	Qualitative Research	
or PSYX 520	Advanced Psychological Statistics I	
12 additional credits in quantitative and qualitative research methods.		12
Related Areas Coursework		
Complete 9 credits of courses selected in consultation with your advisor.		9
Preliminary Exam		
Complete the following course:		
SLP 692	Independent Study (Preliminary Exam)	3
Comprehensive Professional Products		
Complete 9 credits of the following courses:		9
SLP 690	Research	
SLP 695	Practicum	
SLP 696	Service Learning: Professional Serivce	
SLP 698	Internship	
Dissertation		
Complete 9 credits of the following course:		
SLP 699	Thesis	9
Total Hours		**60**

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Speak with your advisor about which special topics courses meet this requirement.