SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING SCIENCES - DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

The PhD program is grounded in research. Supervisory, administrative, instructional and research activities acquaint students with problems and concepts at a higher level of professional activity and responsibility. Students in the PhD program gain the knowledge and skills that will prepare them to become independent scholars, teach in higher education, conduct research, and become leaders within the discipline.

Wide latitude prevails in planning individual PhD programs. It is expected that students have some professional experience before entering the program and that they have specific academic or professional goals in mind. PhD students must take a four-course sequence in statistics, four core courses within Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS), complete the preliminary and comprehensive examinations and successfully defend a dissertation research project. Beyond that, student degree plans are individually designed through the joint efforts of the student and an advisory committee.

Dual Degree Programs

Students may pursue a dual PhD with neuroscience (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/psychology-neuroscience/neuroscience-doctor-philosophy-phd) or cognitive science (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/cognitive-science/cognitive-science-doctor-philosophy-phd). In addition, the department offers students the opportunity to pursue an integrated program of study leading to dual doctorate degrees in the field of audiology and speech, language and hearing science. The PhD/AuD dual degree program trains students in clinical research and clinical practice in audiology. The dual degree program allows students to pursue both their clinical training and their research training in a rigorous, intensive and streamlined program. Students may apply to both programs simultaneously, or may apply to the PhD portion after having been accepted into the AuD portion or may apply to the AuD portion after having been accepted into the PhD portion.

For more information, visit the department's Graduate Coursework (http://www.colorado.edu/slhs/graduate-coursework) webpage.

Requirements

The student will select an advisory committee during the first semester of his or her program. Then the student will develop a plan of study in conjunction with the advisory committee during the first year of doctoral study. The plan of study will detail the student's goals, course work to be completed to meet those goals and departmental and Graduate School requirements, and a proposed schedule for completion of doctoral work. The plan of study will become the student's blueprint for their doctoral work. The advisory committee must approve the plan of study, which may be amended later with the committee approval.

Departmental and Graduate School requirements for doctoral students are intended to allow maximum flexibility in developing a plan of study. All students take three SLHS doctoral seminars, at least 12 credit hours in statistics and research tools, and additional course work in their own research area. There is no foreign language requirement. The Graduate