

MHS in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences

The Master of Health Science (MHS) in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences provides students with a background in speech, language and hearing sciences. Students in this program receive a strong academic background in current theory and application from faculty who are committed to excellence in teaching and who are involved in clinical and basic research. Students in this program are interested in focusing on research within the discipline and possibly continuing on to a PhD program.

Degree Requirements

MHS candidates are required to complete a minimum of 48 semester credit hours in graduate-level courses with grades of B- or higher. No fewer than 24 credit hours must be earned in 8000/9000-level course work offered by the program. This program does not include an emphasis in speech-language pathology; therefore, additional credit hours are required beyond the MHS to meet clinical practicum requirements for certification and licensure in the field. A thesis is required.

Required Courses

SLHS 8020	Developmental Language Disorders	3
SLHS 8030	Acquired Language Disorders	3
SLHS 8200	Motor Speech Disorders	3
SLHS 8210	Disorders of Fluency	3
SLHS 8225	Voice Science and Voice Disorders	3
SLHS 8300	Neurological Bases of Speech and Language	2

Courses not required but may be appropriate electives for some students

SLHS 8230	Dysphagia	3
SLHS 8240	Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Disorders	1
SLHS 8320	Speech Sound Disorders	2
SLHS 8430	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2
SLHS 8600	Clinical Language Analysis	3

Research training 6-9

SLHS 8960	Directed Reading in Speech, Language and Hearing Science	1-3
SLHS 8090	Research in Speech, Language and Hearing Science	1-99

Thesis

The thesis is prepared under the supervision of an SLHS faculty member. A thesis committee of three faculty members must be formed during the student's second semester in the program. In addition to the Departmental guidelines, students should review the MU Graduate School's Thesis Process for Master's Students (<https://gradschool.missouri.edu/current-students/thesis-dissertation/thesis-process/>). During the Fall semester of year one, students will work with their thesis advisor to make progress on their project.

Length of Time to Complete

The MHS degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences typically takes students two full years to complete if their baccalaureate degree

is in speech, language and hearing sciences. If their undergraduate study was in another field, the degree program requires a series of prerequisite courses that may be completed through any college or university that offers an undergraduate degree in SLHS. All students must have successfully completed a baccalaureate degree (in some field) before beginning the MHS program in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences. For more information, contact the Department at umhsshpslhs@health.missouri.edu.

Admissions

Applicants are required to meet two sets of minimum qualifications for admission: the requirements of the MHS in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and the minimum requirements of the Graduate School (<http://gradschool.missouri.edu/admissions/eligibility-process/minimum-requirements.php>). Because requirements vary, you *must* refer to a degree program's graduate admission page to learn about specific admission criteria, application deadlines, eligibility, and application process. Before official admission to the University of Missouri, your application materials will be reviewed by both the Graduate School and the degree program to which you have applied.

The SLHS MHS program at MU is relatively small and selective. Students benefit from a low student-faculty ratio, close academic and research supervision, and a challenging yet supportive learning environment. Faculty in SLHS are easily accessible, and strong student-faculty relationships are easily developed.

The SLHS department welcomes all visitors interested in meeting our faculty and students and touring our facilities. If you would like to visit, we recommend that you schedule an appointment by emailing us at umhsshpslhs@health.missouri.edu.