DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

The Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) is a four-year post-baccalaureate degree that emphasizes the application of basic science and technology and provides advanced professional training for the diagnosis and habilitation/rehabilitation of hearing disorders and related communication and educational disorders, as well as the scholarly study of professional practice-centered problems. The first two years of the program have more didactic courses than clinical practicum. The Comprehensive Examination (a written qualifying exam) is typically taken after one and a half years of the program, with the Preliminary Examination (defense of the prospectus for the Doctoral Research Project) taken at the beginning of the third year. The third year typically involves didactic coursework and clinical practicum, as well as completion of the Doctoral Research Project. The fourth year usually involves full-time clinical practicum. The Final Examination (defense of the Doctoral Research Project) should be completed by the end of the fourth year. The program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

The Au.D. program requires a minimum of 112 semester hours. Didactic coursework requires 72 hours, with required courses comprising 60 hours.

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Other Requirements

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1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate programs [http://www.shs.illinois.edu/Graduates](http://www.shs.illinois.edu/Graduates) and the Graduate College Handbook [http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).