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# AUDIOLOGY: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM AT UW-MADISON, AU.D.

# **POLICIES**

# **GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

# NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

## **PRIOR COURSEWORK**

#### **Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

No prior coursework from other institutions is allowed.

#### **UW-Madison Undergraduate**

With program approval, students may count a sign language course taken as an undergraduate at UW-Madison toward the prerequisite requirement for the degree.

#### **UW-Madison University Special**

No prior coursework from UW–Madison University Special career is allowed.

#### **PROBATION**

A student failing to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 will be placed on academic probation and will be required to raise his/her GPA to 3.0 or above in the following semester. If the GPA is not raised to 3.0 or above in the following semester, the student will be dismissed from the program. A student receiving a course grade less than "B" shall receive a written warning reminding the student of the "no more than two grades below a "B" rule and shall be placed on academic probation.

Students who are having difficulty with essential abilities and/or meeting competencies in coursework will receive a written improvement plan. An improvement plan specifies the ASHA standards and competencies that the student has not met, as well as a statement explaining what the student must do to meet competency level and a statement explaining what the faculty will do to provide opportunities for improved performance. An improvement plan may require the student to retake an examination or even repeat an entire course if deemed necessary by the academic instructor. If a student has an improvement plan, he/she should communicate regularly with each academic instructor to discuss the plan each semester the plan is in place. The student is responsible for scheduling these communications.

In addition to the department's probation policy, the Graduate School regularly reviews the record of any student who earned grades of BC, C,

D, F, or Incomplete in a graduate course (300 or above), or grade of U in research credits. This review could result in academic probation with a hold on future enrollment or in being suspended from the Graduate School.

# ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

When students are admitted to the Au.D. program, they are provided with a course sequence for the entire program. It is strongly recommended that students adhere to this sequence, although modifications to the plan may be made in consultation with the Au.D. program advisor and the director of clinical education. Every graduate student is required to have an advisor. The Au.D. program advisor is the assigned advisor for students in the Au.D. program. Students can be suspended from the Graduate School if they do not have an advisor.

#### **CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED**

15 credits

## TIME LIMITS

This program follows the Graduate School's Time Limits policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/).

Consult the program for additional program-specific time constraints.

#### **GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS**

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/ policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https:// hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/)
- Dean of Students Office (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (http://www.eao.wisc.edu/) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, postdoctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (https:// employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (https://compliance.wisc.edu/) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances. They may also contact the L&S Academic

Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

The formal procedure for handling student concerns and grievances requires the student to begin at the source of the problem, and then to work up the administrative structure in a manner appropriate to the nature of the problem. All efforts will be made to achieve a resolution within the program; if this level of resolution is not reached, the complaint will be addressed to the affected department. The preferred channels in order are as follows: (1) the affected faculty member or clinical supervisor, (2) the Program Director on the student's home campus, who may refer the matter to the full Au.D. Faculty, (3) the Chair of the involved department who may refer it to the appropriate Associate Dean or Dean from the relevant academic year Au.D. Student Handbook campus. Although this route is usual, no policy would prevent any individual student or faculty member from seeking input at higher administrative levels. If the student has a complaint about the program or its accreditation, the student is referred to the following ASHA website for information on how to complain with the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA): https://caa.asha.org/

#### **OTHER**

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