

AUDIOLOGY: COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM AT UW- MADISON, AuD

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) serve as the official document of record for Graduate School academic and administrative policies and procedures and are updated continuously. Note some policies redirect to entries in the official UW-Madison Policy Library (<https://policy.wisc.edu/>). Programs may set more stringent policies than the Graduate School. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

No prior coursework from other institutions is allowed.

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison

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

Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison

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, refer to the Graduate School: Probation (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/>) policy.

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

When students are admitted to the AuD 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 AuD program advisor and the director of clinical education. Every graduate student is required to have an advisor. The AuD program advisor is the assigned advisor for students in the AuD program. Students can be suspended from the Graduate School if they do not have an advisor.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

TIME LIMITS

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/>) policy. Consult the program for additional program-specific time limits.

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/>)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral 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 Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (<https://osas.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- 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)

L&S POLICY FOR GRADUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC APPEALS

Graduate students have the right to appeal an academic decision related to an L&S graduate program if the student believes that the decision is inconsistent with published policy.

Academic decisions that may be appealed include:

- Dismissal from the graduate program
- Failure to pass a qualifying or preliminary examination
- Failure to achieve satisfactory academic progress
- Academic disciplinary action related to failure to meet professional conduct standards

Issues such as the following cannot be appealed using this process:

- A faculty member declining to serve as a graduate student's advisor.
- Decisions regarding the student's disciplinary knowledge, evaluation of the quality of work, or similar judgements. These are the domain of the department faculty.
- Course grades. These can be appealed instead using the L&S Policy for Grade Appeal (<https://kb.wisc.edu/lis/22258/>).
- Incidents of bias or hate, hostile and intimidating behavior (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>), or discrimination (Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>), Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/eo-complaint/formal-investigations/>)). Direct these to the linked campus offices appropriate for the incident(s).

Appeal Process for Graduate Students

A graduate student wishing to appeal an academic decision must follow the process in the order listed below. Note time limits within each step.

1. The student should first seek informal resolution, if possible, by discussing the concern with their academic advisor, the department's Director of Graduate Studies, and/or the department chair.
2. If the program has an appeal policy listed in their graduate program handbook, the student should follow the policy as written, including adhering to any indicated deadlines. In the absence of a specific departmental process, the chair or designee will be the reviewer and decision maker, and the student should submit a written appeal to the chair within 15 business days of the academic decision. The chair or designee will notify the student in writing of their decision.
3. If the departmental process upholds the original decision, the graduate student may next initiate an appeal to L&S. To do so, the student must submit a written appeal to the L&S Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Academic Affairs within 15 business days of notification of the department's decision.
 - a. To the fullest extent possible, the written appeal should include, in a single document: a clear and concise statement of the academic decision being appealed, any relevant background on what led to the decision, the specific policies involved, the relief sought, any relevant documentation related to the departmental appeal, and the names and titles of any individuals contributing to or involved in the decision.
 - b. The Assistant Dean will work with the Academic Associate Dean of the appropriate division to consider the appeal. They may seek additional information and/or meetings related to the case.

- c. The Assistant Dean and Academic Associate Dean will provide a written decision within 20 business days.

4. If L&S upholds the original decision, the graduate student may appeal to the Graduate School. More information can be found on their website: Grievances and Appeals (<https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/grievances-and-appeals/>) (see: Graduate School Appeal Process).

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/>

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