

# HEARING AND SPEECH SCIENCES, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

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Doctoral students are required to complete 32 credits of coursework, in addition to 18 credits of research requirements. Students are also required to participate in a Professional Development Seminar each year for five years, complete a teaching portfolio, and pass a comprehensive exam.

The Department also offers the Doctor of Philosophy degree with a major emphasis in speech, language or hearing. Students with a B.A. or M.A. are considered for admission to the doctoral program. Matriculated doctoral students will choose within their major a special interest area, which may focus on the normal aspects of their major or disorders related to the major. A student must also select a minor area of study either from within or outside departmental offerings. There are no foreign language requirements, but advanced courses in statistics and experimental research design are required for the degree. Course programs are planned by the student and a committee of at least four faculty members. All doctoral students are expected to participate in varied research activities within the Department for academic credit.

**Advance to Candidacy:** In addition to course requirements, students must complete a teaching portfolio as well as successfully pass a written and oral comprehensive examination.

**Post-Candidacy:** Doctoral students complete at least 12 semester hours of HESP899 dissertation research credit before completing the degree.

A full description of the Doctoral program, as well as listings of faculty research expertise, can be found at the Departmental website (<https://hesp.umd.edu/graduate/program-highlights-doctoral-program-hearing-and-speech-sciences/>).

Course	Title	Credits
Complete 32 credits of coursework		32
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
HESP898	Pre-Candidacy Research	6
HESP899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>50</b>