

# **SPLH Advising**

**Session for Sophomores, Juniors and  
Seniors**

**Fall 2024**



# Top advising questions

- Are my grades good enough to get into grad school?
- USE EDFIND! <http://www.asha.org/edFind/>
- Do I have time (enough courses) left to improve my grades?
- <https://degreeprogress.ku.edu/gpa/numhours>

# Succeeding Academically

- Keep track of your grades in your courses
  - Check your DPR for current GPAs (overall and in major)
  - See your instructor if you need help calculating your current grade
  - See your instructor EARLY for ideas on how to improve your performance
  - Office hours are for YOU. Go see your instructor.
  - Keep your advisor informed of any challenges you are facing. **We're here to help!!**
- See [advising.ku.edu](https://advising.ku.edu) for additional KU resources

# Academic Achievement and Access Center (AAAC)

<http://achievement.ku.edu>

The AAAC offers many services and programs to assist students in their academic success and to enhance their collegiate experience at KU. Choose from learning strategy consultations, group workshops or general or course-specific academic assistance, by appointment or on a walk-in basis. SPLH students are highly encouraged to take advantage of these services to support their learning in this class (and others).

# AAAC Services

## <http://achievement.ku.edu>

- Individual consultations: for help with any aspect of success (time management, study skills, etc)  
<https://achievement.drupal.ku.edu/consultations>
- Tutoring for \*any\* class: <http://tutoring.drupal.ku.edu/>  
(Request or sign up during first 4-6 weeks of class)
- List of classes with existing supplemental instruction:  
<https://achievement.drupal.ku.edu/supplemental-instruction>
- Academic success guides for many topics: time management, stress management, test taking, study tips, semester planning  
<http://achievement.ku.edu/success-guide>
- Student Access Services for anyone needing accommodations:  
<http://access.ku.edu/>



# What's a good (enough) score on the GRE?

- **KU (and others) no longer requires the GRE**
  - Check edfind for those that still require GRE.
  - Past KU averages: 154 verbal, 151 quant, 4.2 writing
- For other schools - You should prepare to take the GRE during the summer between your junior and senior year
- Taken via computer at many locations throughout the US, including KU testing services
  - <http://www.testing.ku.edu/~testing/cbt/gre.shtml>

# Top advising questions continued

- Where can I get help with my resume or grad school essays?
  - Career center <http://career.ku.edu/resumes>
  - Writing center <http://writing.ku.edu/writing-guides>

- What is the difference between a BA and a BGS? Can I get into grad school with either one?
  - <http://splh.ku.edu/academics/degrees/ba/advising>
- “In choosing the BA versus BGS, think about how you would prefer to spend your time and which skills would better prepare you for your future. Would you rather learn a foreign language (BA) or pursue a related field of study via minors, certificates, 2<sup>nd</sup>/co-major (BGS)?”
- New certificate: <http://splh.ku.edu/certificates>  
(Learning and Communication in Children with Autism)



# More top questions.....

- Do we have internships through the department?
- No, but we offer classes toward a Certificate in Service Learning:
  - <https://csl.ku.edu/students/servicelearning>
  - SPLH 568, Intro to Audiology and SPLH 571, Intro to Speech-Language Pathology satisfy course requirements
  - 60 service hours (can include hours from 568 and 571)
- Sertoma-Schiefelbusch Clinic Communication Camp  
<http://splhclinic.ku.edu/communication-camp>
  - Applications due in the Spring
- Other clinic opportunities (SPLH 670 and 672)

# How do I get involved with research?



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- Typically Junior-Senior years
- Complete application form circulated by Dr. Rong, get matched with a faculty member, have fun!!
- SPLH 498

# More questions....

- How do I earn department honors?
  - Complete 6-8 credits of Research (SPLH 498)
  - Maintain a GPA of 3.5 in the major
  - Submit the Departmental Honors Form
  - That's it!

# Applying for grad school questions

- How many grad schools should I apply to?
- How do I choose between SLP or AUD?
- Who and how should I ask for letters of recommendation?

# How do I apply for graduate school?

- See tutorial under Applying for Graduate School Tutorial on our website under advising <http://splh.ku.edu/academics/degrees/ba/advising>
- KUSSHA offers grad night to discuss applying to grad school
- Check out Edfind for information on different graduate schools:
  - <http://www.asha.org/EdFind/>

- Information about applying to KUs Intercampus program:
  - [https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/hearing-and-speech/academics/speech-language-pathology-degrees/master-of-arts-in-speech-language-pathology-\(maslp\)/eligibility-and-requirements.html](https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/hearing-and-speech/academics/speech-language-pathology-degrees/master-of-arts-in-speech-language-pathology-(maslp)/eligibility-and-requirements.html)

# How do I apply for **graduation**?

- During your **senior** year, submit your Application for Graduation (AFG) by March 1.
- <http://collegeadvising.ku.edu/graduation/applying-to-graduate>
  - Note, do this even if you think you might not graduate until Summer, because this will ensure that your name is included in graduation book



# What if I don't go to Graduate School in SPLH?

- BA in SPLH prepares students for other graduate programs
- Employment opportunities:
  - Schools, industry,
- Some states have recognized SLP Assistants (SLPAs)
  - Some school districts offer pay differentials for SLPAs (compared to other paraprofessionals). You need to check with each school district)
  - Regulations for SLPAs can be found at <https://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/ks/kansas-support-personnel-requirements/>
- Employment opportunities in industry

- What if I graduate in December?
  - KU only offers an option to start graduate school in January if space permits
  - No January starts for last four years
- Check with other grad programs regarding Spring Semester entrance possibilities
- Working in a related field may be possible – see previous slide

# Top Questions continued

- What classes “count” for ASHA standards requirement? <http://www.asha.org/Certification/Course-Content-Areas-for-SLP-Standards/>
  - demonstrated knowledge of the biological sciences, physical sciences, statistics, and social/behavior sciences.
- University courses in
  - Biological sciences: anatomy, biophysics, cell and molecular biology, computational biology, ecology and evolution, environmental biology, forensic biology, genetics, marine biology, microbiology, molecular biosciences, natural science, neurobiology, physiology and zoology.
  - Physical sciences: basic physics or basic chemistry
  - Statistics: not research methods
  - Social and behavioral sciences: anthropology, ethnic and cultural studies, economics, psychology, criminology....

# What about Study Abroad?



- When should I study abroad?
- How do I learn more about Study Abroad?
  - <http://studyabroad.ku.edu/speech-language-hearing>
- Who is the department contact?
  - Drs. Krysta Green and Julie Gatts

# When and how can I take practicum?



- 670 possible after 568 completed; 672 possible after 571 completed
- Permission numbers required from Sondra Murphy (SPLH Main Office)
- Can be repeated once for credit

# When do I meet with my CLAS advisor?

- If you haven't done so already, you need to create a plan of study and have it approved by Shelly Mann in CLAS and your faculty advisor:
  - Schedule an appointment with Shelly either online by calling College Advising & Student Services at (785) 864-3500
  - Or use [JayhawkGPS](https://jayhawkgps.ku.edu) (<https://jayhawkgps.ku.edu>)
  - Drop-ins available (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/advising-drop-ins>)
- Then **meet with your faculty advisor** for final approval of your plan and discussion
- Check in with Shelly periodically regarding CLAS requirements

# Recommended Course Sequence

Academic Level	SPLH Course (cr)	Recommended Semester	Pre-/Co-requisite
Freshman	161 (3): Survey of Communication Disorders	Fall	None
Freshman	220 (4): Physics of Speech	Spring	MATH 101/104
Sophomore	462 (3): Speech Science: Anatomy & Physiology	Fall	Pre/Co SPLH 220
Sophomore	463 (3): Hearing Science	Spring (only offered!)	Pre/Co SPLH 220
Sophomore	465 (1): Clinical Phonetics	Fall	Pre/Co SPLH 220
Sophomore	466 (3): Language Science	Fall	None
Junior	565 (1): Language Sample Analysis	Spring	Pre/Co SPLH 566
Junior	566 (3): Language Development	Spring	One 400-level course
Junior	568 (4): Intro to Audiological Assessment and Rehabilitation	Fall	SPLH 463
Junior	571 (4): Intro to Speech Language Pathology	Spring	None
Senior	620 (3): The Communicating Brain	Fall	None
Senior	660 (3): Research Methods	Spring	ENGL 102 & 9 Credits of SPLH



# Graduate School

- Careers in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology involve additional graduate education
- Normally apply in Fall of year 4
- KU just began an accelerated MA-SLP program: 5 years, BA/MA

# Accelerated MA Program

- Apply in January of Junior year for admission into KU MA-SLP program
- Acceptance in Spring of Junior year allows graduate credit to be taken in Senior year
- Counts toward both Undergrad and Graduate
- Must still complete the UG degree, and a progression check must be achieved after Senior year

# Accelerated MA Program: requirements

- Major and cumulative GPA > 3.0
- Must complete the following:
  - SPLH 161, 220, 462, 463, 465, 466, 568, 571
- On track to complete BA SPLH by 4<sup>th</sup> year
- *Application is combined with regular MA applications*

# Accelerated MA Program: progression to graduate study

- Successful completion of BA degree
- B- or above in all SPLH graduate level courses
- Cumulative GPA 3.0 or greater in years 1-4 (includes graduate work)
- GPA 3.0 or greater in grad courses in year 4.

<https://splh.ku.edu/degrees> - Click Accelerated MA

# Accelerated MA: suggested course sequence (SPLH)

Year 1 - Fall	Year 1 - Spring
SPLH 161, UG reqs	SPLH 220, Physical Sci (ASHA), UG reqs
Year 2 - Fall	Year 2 - Spring
SPLH 462, 465, 466, Soc Sci (ASHA), UG reqs	SPLH 463, 565, 566, 571
Year 3 - Fall	Year 3 - Spring
SPLH 568, SPLH 620, 672 (SLP Pract), Resch,	SPLH 660, Research, UG Reqs

Apply to MA program after Fall Year 3

Year 4 - Fall	Year 4 - Spring
MA-SLP Grad classes, Remaining UG	MA-SLP Grad classes, Remaining UG

MA-SLP classes: Year 4 Summer, Year 5 Fall, Year 5 Spring, Year 5 Summer

Full Sample plan available <https://splh.ku.edu/accelerated-ma>

# What can I do to meet other awesome SPLH students and have fun?!!

- Join Kansas University Student Speech Language Hearing Association –KU NSSLHA!
- Sample activities:
  - Grad night- **October!**
  - Meet the professionals night
  - Socials- talk o Tuesday's
  - Advocacy day in Topeka
  - Med center visit day
- Applications available in SPLH office

This PPT is located on this page:

<https://splh.ku.edu/advising>

Under the Group Advising Slides Header.

# QUESTIONS