

KU SPLH Prerequisite Coursework for MA SLP Program

This document provides an accessible version of the prerequisite coursework for the MA Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program at the University of Kansas.

Important Note:

These pathways show suggested orders for completing all prerequisite coursework required for the MA program. They are examples only. Students are not required to follow these timelines exactly.

Prerequisite coursework is intended for students who already hold an undergraduate degree but did not complete foundational coursework in speech-language pathology or communication sciences and disorders. These courses align with ASHA standards and may be completed at KU or other accredited institutions.

Completing prerequisites at KU does not guarantee admission into the KU MA SLP program.

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Required Prerequisite Coursework

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Availability / Notes
SPLH 220	Physics of Speech	4	Offered both semesters. Required prerequisite for most SPLH courses. Corequisite: SPLH 463.
SPLH 462	Principles of Speech Science	3	Fall semester only. Prerequisite or corequisite: SPLH 220.
SPLH 463	Principles of Hearing Science	3	Spring only. Corequisite: SPLH 220.
SPLH 465	Fundamentals of Clinical Phonetics	1	Online, 8-week course. Fall semester only.
SPLH 565	Language Sample Analysis	1	Spring or summer. Recommended with SPLH 566.
SPLH 566	Language Development	3	Spring or summer. Recommended with SPLH 565.
SPLH 568	Introduction to Audiological Assessment and Rehabilitation	4	Fall semester only.
SPLH 571	Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology	4	Offered both semesters.
SPLH 660	Research Methods in SLP	3	Offered both semesters.

Suggested Course Sequencing

The following pathways are suggested examples for completing all prerequisite coursework. Students are not required to follow these timelines exactly.

Option 1

Fall Semester (Example)

SPLH 220 – Physics of Speech (4 credits)

SPLH 462 – Principles of Speech Science (3 credits)

SPLH 465 – Fundamentals of Clinical Phonetics (1 credit)

Apply for MA program.

Spring Semester

SPLH 463 – Principles of Hearing Science (3 credits)

SPLH 565 – Language Sample Analysis (1 credit)

SPLH 566 – Language Development (3 credits)

SPLH 571 – Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology (4 credits)

SPLH 660 – Research Methods in SLP (3 credits)

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Fall Semester

SPLH 568 – Introduction to Audiological Assessment and Rehabilitation (4 credits)

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Option 2

Fall Semester (Example)

SPLH 220 – Physics of Speech (4 credits)

SPLH 462 – Principles of Speech Science (3 credits)

SPLH 465 – Fundamentals of Clinical Phonetics (1 credit)

Apply for MA program.

Spring Semester

SPLH 463 – Principles of Hearing Science (3 credits)

SPLH 571 – Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology (4 credits)

SPLH 660 – Research Methods in SLP (3 credits)

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Summer Semester

SPLH 565 – Language Sample Analysis (1 credit)

SPLH 566 – Language Development (3 credits)

Fall Semester

SPLH 568 – Introduction to Audiological Assessment and Rehabilitation (4 credits)

Begin MA Program

Option 3

Spring Semester

SPLH 220 – Physics of Speech (4 credits)

SPLH 463 – Principles of Hearing Science (3 credits)

SPLH 565 – Language Sample Analysis (1 credit)

SPLH 566 – Language Development (3 credits)

Summer Semester

If taking courses during the summer, students may enroll in SPLH 565 and SPLH 566 instead of completing them during the spring semester.

Fall Semester

SPLH 462 – Principles of Speech Science (3 credits)

SPLH 465 – Fundamentals of Clinical Phonetics (1 credit)

SPLH 568 – Introduction to Audiological Assessment and Rehabilitation (4 credits)

SPLH 571 – Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology (4 credits)

SPLH 660 – Research Methods in SLP (3 credits)

Optional Courses

These courses are not required as a prerequisite for the MA SLP program but can provide additional foundational knowledge.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Availability / Notes
SPLH 664	Clinical Practicum	3	Offered both semesters. Prerequisite: SPLH 571. Audiology version: SPLH 670 (requires SPLH 568).
SPLH 620	Communicating Brain	3	Offered both semesters. Prerequisite: 400-level SPLH course.
SPLH 161	Survey of Communication Disorders	3	Offered both semesters. Alternates online and in-person.
SPLH 466	Language Science	3	Fall semester only.

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