Students who earn an undergraduate degree (B.A., B.S.) in a field other than speech-language pathology have two options available to them if they wish to pursue graduate study at the Mississippi University for Women.

**OPTION ONE**
The first option is for the student to take the seven prerequisite courses after completion of their undergraduate degree but prior to admission to the Graduate Program. This student would enroll at MUW as a non-degree seeking student. Application to the graduate program would then need to be completed by March 1st of that year. Completion of the prerequisite courses does not guarantee admission to the Graduate Program. Admission to the Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology is highly competitive.

**OPTION TWO**
The second option is for the student to apply for admission to the Graduate Program prior to taking the seven prerequisite courses. If the applicant is accepted into the program, the prerequisite courses would be taken during the first year of the program. This would add one year to the student’s graduate program.

MUW will consider all qualified applicants for admission. MUW does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or veteran status.
General Guidelines

• These are the prerequisite courses for the MUW Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Program.

• Other graduate speech-language pathology programs may have other prerequisite courses.

• Juniors beginning the prerequisites cannot complete them in two years if they are required to student teach.

• Completion of prerequisite courses does not guarantee admission into a graduate program in speech-language pathology.

• Students must have a 2.5 GPA to enroll in 300 and 400 level speech-pathology courses.

• Students completing the prerequisite courses must meet other conditions for admission to graduate school.

• Speech-language pathology courses at MUW are offered once a year.

• Students must be enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester at the primary institution to maintain full time status.

• Graduate school admission in speech-language pathology is highly competitive

Seven Prerequisite Courses

Fall Classes
SPA 201: Phonetics
SPA 209: Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech & Hearing Mechanism
SPA 303: Introduction to Audiology

Spring Classes
SPA 210: Development of Normal Speech & Language
SPA 313: Speech & Hearing Science (Prerequisite-SPA 209)
SPA 403: Strategies in Therapy for the Hearing Impaired (Prerequisite-SPA 303)
SPA 449: Neurology (Prerequisite-SPA 209)

Suggested Sequence for Juniors

Fall-Year One
SPA 201: Phonetics

Spring-Year One
SPA 209: Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech & Hearing Mechanism

Fall-Year Two
SPA 303: Introduction to Audiology

Spring-Year Two
SPA 210: Development of Normal Speech & Language
SPA 313: Speech & Hearing Science

Spring-Year Three
SPA 403: Strategies for the Hearing Impaired
SPA 449: Neurology

Completion of the speech-language pathology prerequisites does not result in an undergraduate degree in this area. A graduate degree is required for licensure and/or professional practice in speech-language pathology.

Cross Registration
Mississippi State University students who wish to cross register for speech-language pathology courses should contact the registrar at their home campus.