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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

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## **Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Program**

**The Department of Communication Disorders is pleased to announce the new Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Program at Cal State LA. The following summary provides a program description, admission requirements, and the curriculum. An application form is also included.**

The passage of AB 2317 into law in September 2016 authorizes campuses of the California State University System to award the Doctor of Audiology degree (AuD). Subsequent to the enactment of the law, the Office of Academic Programs at the Chancellor's Office of the CSU moved quickly to identify campuses that could offer the AuD degree program. In February 2017, The Board of Trustees for the CSU authorized four campuses to add degree projections (long-range planning authority) to campus academic plans.

Following the development and approval of the AuD curriculum at all university levels at Cal State LA, the Accreditation Commission on Audiology Education (ACAE) visited the campus in September 2017 and met with administrators and faculty to review the new program. In October 2017, the ACAE voted to approve the program and give "developing status." A Substantive Change for a new doctoral program was then submitted to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), and an application for the new program was submitted to the CSU Chancellor's office (CO) in early 2018. Approval for the new program was received on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from both WSCUC and the Chancellor's Office. The Department of Communication Disorders will accept the first cohort of students in Spring 2019. Subsequent cohorts will begin each Fall semester.

### **PURPOSE AND EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this clinical doctoral program in Audiology is to prepare audiologists to be highly skilled, independent practitioners and leaders in the diagnosis and rehabilitation of patients with hearing loss and balance disorders.

This AuD degree program is designed to prepare students with a strong background in the scientific basis of audiology, evidence-based practice, and clinical competencies.

The educational objectives of this program are to provide the knowledge base required to better prepare audiologists to competently meet the demands of increasingly complex diagnostic questions, and to learn to use more complex equipment in the diagnosis and rehabilitation of hearing loss and balance disorder patients of all ages.

Students who complete this four year AuD curriculum will be well-prepared to pass the national examination in Audiology, as well as to fulfill the didactic and clinical clock hour requirements for licensure and national certification.

The doctoral degree in Audiology at Cal State LA requires the completion of a minimum of 111 semester units of graduate coursework and clinical practicum over 11 terms (seven Fall-Spring semesters and four Summer terms for the Spring 2019 cohort and eight Fall-Spring semesters and three Summer terms in subsequent cohorts of students). The Department of Communication Disorders will only admit full-time students to the AuD program.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for admission to the Audiology Doctoral program include the following:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree in audiology or communication sciences and disorders. If the baccalaureate degree is not in the area of audiology or communication sciences and disorders, applicants should have completed six courses in the following content areas prior to the first semester of the program (or their equivalents, as determined by the AuD Program Director):

- COMD 4000 (Hearing Science)
- COMD 4020 (Audiology and Audiometry)
- COMD 4200 (Rehabilitative Audiology)
- COMD 4630 (Neuroscience of Communication)
- a course in Statistics.

and at least one course from among the following:

- COMD 4220 (Advanced Audiology)
- COMD 4560 (Language Development)
- COMD 4610 (Descriptive Phonetics)
- COMD 4620 (Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism)

Prerequisite course work must have been completed within the past 10 years.

2. A minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in undergraduate coursework
3. A minimum 3.0 GPA in undergraduate or prerequisite audiology and communication sciences coursework
4. On-time submission of a department application (see below for details)
5. On-time submission of a university application via Cal State Apply
6. Completion of an on-campus interview following the first review of all applications

Achievement of minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to the AuD program. Admission to the program is a competitive process whereby a committee of full-time faculty evaluates the credentials of all applicants. Prospective students are admitted, placed on a waiting list, or denied admission on the basis of an evaluation of their grade point average in audiology and communications sciences and disorders coursework, grade point average in undergraduate coursework, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, letter of intent, and an on-campus interview.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES**

### Spring 2019 Cohort

Department and University applications are both due on **September 14, 2018**.

Department Application (hard copy [see pages 5-15] submitted directly to the department) which includes:

- recent GRE scores (use Designated Institution [DI] Code 4399)
- letter of professional goals and intent
- three letters of recommendation
- transcripts (may be unofficial)

University Application (submitted via [Cal State Apply](#)) which includes

- official transcripts

### Fall 2019 Cohort

Department and University applications are both due on **January 15, 2019**. Department applications now open; Cal State Apply applications open on October 1, 2018.

Department Application (submitted via [CSDCAS](#)) which includes:

- recent GRE scores (use Designated Institution [DI] Code 1747)
- letter of professional goals and intent
- three letters of recommendation
- official transcripts

University Application (submitted via [Cal State Apply](#)) which includes

- official transcripts

## AUD CURRICULUM

<u>Catalog #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Units</u>
COUN 5005	Individual Counseling Strategies	4
AUD 6030	Diagnostic Audiology	3
AUD 6040	Psychoacoustics and Speech Perception	3
AUD 6050	Instrumentation and Hearing Conservation	3
AUD 6060	Speech and Language of Child with Hearing Loss	3
AUD 6070	Research Methods in Audiology	3
AUD 6110	Hearing Aids I	3
AUD 6120	Hearing Aids II	3
AUD 6180	Implantable Auditory Devices	3
AUD 6190	Adult and Geriatric Rehabilitative Audiology	3
AUD 6200	Pediatric Audiology	3
AUD 6250	Auditory Processing Disorders	3
AUD 6320	Medical Aspects of Audiology	3
AUD 6330	Genetics of Hearing Loss	3
AUD 6370	Physiological Assessment of the Auditory System I	3
AUD 6371	Physiological Assessment of the Auditory System II	3
AUD 6380	Vestibular System Assessment	3
AUD 6400	Professional and Business Issues in Audiology	3
AUD 6500	Clinical Procedures in Audiology	3
AUD 6510	Clinical Practicum I	2
AUD 6520	Clinical Practicum II	2
AUD 6530	Clinical Practicum III	2
AUD 6610	Clinical Externship I	4
AUD 6620	Clinical Externship II	4
AUD 6630	Clinical Externship III	4
AUD 6710	Clinical Residency I	9
AUD 6720	Clinical Residency II	9
AUD 6730	Clinical Residency III	9
AUD 6800	Doctoral Preliminary Exams	0
AUD 6850	Doctoral Qualifying Exams	0
AUD 6910	Doctoral Project in Audiology I	2
AUD 6920	Doctoral Project in Audiology II	2
AUD 6930	Doctoral Project in Audiology III	2
AUD 6980	Grand Rounds and Seminar in Audiology I	1
AUD 6990	Grand Rounds and Seminar in Audiology II	1

## Doctor of Audiology (AuD) Program Application for Spring 2019 Admission

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 Last Name    First Name    M.I.    Maiden Name

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Current Address    City    State    Zip Code

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 Legal/Permanent Address    City    State    Zip Code

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC HISTORY: List all colleges and universities attended.

College/University	State	Date Started (Mo/Yr)	Date Compl. (Mo/Yr)	Major Field	Degree	Mo/Yr

Please list all classes in Communication Disorders that you plan to take prior to your expected starting date, including those in progress (do not list classes you have already taken that are on your transcripts):

Course #	Course Title	Institution

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) Program is contingent upon submission of the above application and completion of all documents listed below. Call (323) 343-4754 if you have any questions about your file. In addition to the following documents, you may be required to participate in an interview. You will be contacted by email if an interview is required as part of the application process.

### GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) SCORES

Official GRE scores must be sent to the department before your application will be processed. If you have already taken the examination, please list your scores below and send a copy of the official scores (use Designated Institution [DI] Code 4399).

\_\_\_\_\_ Verbal                      \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative                      \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical

### LETTER OF PROFESSIONAL GOALS AND INTENT

On a separate single page, please write a letter of intent explaining your reasons for pursuing a doctoral degree in Audiology.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation are required. A standard form for these letters is attached to this application. Distribute to three (3) persons who can comment on your academic and professional ability to be successful in graduate study (former professors, colleagues, supervisors, etc.). At least one professor is advised.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts from all institutions attended, including Cal State LA if applicable, are required (can be unofficial). **PLEASE NOTE:** Although you may submit unofficial transcripts to the department, the University admissions application requires official transcripts.

### APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY

A separate application to the University through Cal State Apply, with an application fee and official transcripts, must be submitted by September 14, 2018.

I declare that the above information, to the best of my knowledge, is complete and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send this form and other accompanying documents to:

Doctor of Audiology Program Director  
Dept. of Communication Disorders  
Martin Luther King Hall, Room B119  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8170

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR GRADUATE STUDY**

**TO THE APPLICANT:** Fill in the first part of the form and then give it to professors or others able to evaluate your qualifications for graduate study.

Under P.L. 93-380, students are entitled to review their records, including recommendations, unless they waive that right. Please mark the appropriate box below, and sign your name.

I waive my right to have access to this recommendation form.

I do not waive my right to have access to this recommendation form.

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Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

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Maturity				
Desire to Achieve				
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5. Please summarize the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, and promise as a doctoral student.

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