

Honors Program for The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Miami University: BA Honors

Students wishing to graduate with department honors must register their intent to pursue department honors and file a proposal for their individual honors program in the SPA program office, 2 Bachelor. Students may apply from the first semester of their junior year until the first day of class in the student's senior year. To be eligible to graduate with department honors, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better, Department GPA of 3.7 or better, and must be maintained.
2. Significant contribution in two of the following:
 - Advance research effort with the end result in presentation of the research at a conference or scientific meeting. This would include summer scholar participation (See Appendix for guidelines).
 - Socially responsible service including activities such as involvement in NSSHLA events, employment or volunteer service at summer camps or nursing homes, home care or tutoring assistance, or "adopt a school" program.
 - Undergraduate associate in lower division course including activities such as course assessment, developing learning assignments or study guides.
 - Projects incorporating international programs must include in-depth investigation of a related topic to be approved and supervised by a faculty mentor.
3. Requirements for honors credit should foster the student's intellectual development by encouraging any or all of the following: critical thinking, creativity, written expression, oral expression, and/or student responsibility for learning.
4. Enrollment in honors program every semester following initial enrollment must be done working on the student project.
5. Final copies of the written component of the honors directed study project will be filed with a paper copy and electronically with the University Honors Office and the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Approved by Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology faculty 2/7/03

Appendix

The research project must adhere to the following guidelines:

- a. The senior directed study project should provide the Honors student with an opportunity to pursue an independent project of a substantial nature. Under the guidance of a faculty member, the student should learn to conceptualize, develop and review the project as it progresses.
- b. The project must be directed by a faculty member within the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology
- c. The faculty director must file an Honors Program Requirements Form for the senior directed study project with the Departmental Secretary after approval. The faculty director is responsible for approval of the specified program.
- d. The project should consist of two components:
 - i. The written portion of the project should meet the following guidelines:
 1. Students should adhere to APA guidelines regarding abstract, content, bibliography and/or footnotes.
 2. The manuscript must be typewritten
 3. The title page must include the student's name, project title, date of project completion, and blank lines for the signatures of approval by the advisor of the project and Chairperson of the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. The title page must be signed before the project is deposited in the University Honors Office and the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
 - ii. Upon completion of the project, an oral presentation of the project must be planned in accordance with the following guidelines:
 1. Presentation should be scheduled during the calendar term in which the project is completed.
 2. Presentation should be open to the University public.
 3. Advance publicity should be arranged in conjunction with the Honors Office and the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
 4. The oral presentation of the paper should allow for a question-and-answer period following the oral report.

Proposal for Honors Study in Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology

Student's Name: _____

SPA (377/477) _____ Hours Credit _____ Term _____ 20 _____

Student's Classification: Junior _____ Senior _____

Faculty Supervisor: _____

Outline of Proposed Honors Activity (projects, observations, etc.):

Method of Evaluation: _____

Approved by: Faculty Supervisor: _____

Department Chair: _____

Submit this form with University Independent Study Form to Department Chair