BHS Policy Statement

All students enrolled in the BHS Program in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences in the School of Health Professions are subject to the general regulations of the University.

I. Admission to Professional Curriculum
   A. Students seeking admission to the BHS Program in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) must be admitted to the University and should enroll in the School of Health Professions (SHP).
   B. Applications should be submitted to the Department by February 1st of the student's sophomore year. Applicants will be notified of their admission status (accepted; not accepted; or decision deferred until Spring Semester grades are available) by March 1st. Applications also may be submitted after February 1st for consideration if not all available seats have been filled in the first admissions round.
   C. Applicants should have completed at least 42 semester credit hours of college coursework before applying and/or have a plan in place to reach at least 60 semester credit hours of coursework before beginning the junior- and senior-level coursework in the department. If a student falls short of this minimum, prior approval to apply to the BHS program must be obtained. This may be initiated through the student’s SHP/SLHS advisor.
   D. To be considered for admission to the junior-senior pre-professional program, a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a four-point scale and a composite ACT score of 22 or higher are recommended. Meeting these minimum criteria, however, does not guarantee acceptance into the Program.

II. Acceptance of Transfer Credit
   A. Transfer students must meet the minimum criteria for consideration for admission and must apply through the same competitive admission process as other students.
   B. Transfer credit meeting the MU standard for transfer will be accepted without limitation.
   C. Students must complete 30 of their last 36 credit hours in residence.
   D. Students transferring from any other college within the University of Missouri system to the School of Health Professions are considered transfer students.

III. Dual Enrollment for Graduate and Undergraduate Credit in the Same Semester
   With the approval of the Deans of the School of Health Professions and Graduate School, seniors who rank in the upper half of their class, have a B average in the most recent 45 semester hours of credit, and are within 30 hours of completing graduation requirements, may dually enroll for up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit while enrolled as undergraduates. Dual enrollment forms must be completed and approved by the Graduate School prior to registering for the graduate-level course. Additional information may be obtained from the MU Graduate School.

IV. Grade Policy
   A. All required coursework for the BHS program, including requirements outside the department, must be completed with a grade of “C-” or higher. Students who fail to achieve a grade of “C-” or higher will meet with a faculty committee to discuss appropriate alternatives for satisfactory completion of the course requirement.
   B. If a required course is retaken for credit, the higher grade achieved may be used for determining the cumulative GPA. Please see the University’s course repeat and grade adjustment policies.
   C. Term (semester) and cumulative GPAs of 2.5 or higher must be maintained for a student to remain in good standing. If a student fails to achieve a 2.5 term or cumulative GPA, the student may be placed on program probation. Two consecutive semesters of program probation could result in dismissal from the program.

The University of Missouri complies with the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and need assistance with this or any portion of the application process, please contact the department as soon as possible. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your needs.

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