



SPHL2212

Introduction to Audiology

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Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

10cp in LING or SPHL at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit aims to provide an introduction to audiological theory and practice. Topics include: fundamental concepts in aural anatomy and physiology; and an introduction to auditory disorders. Several areas of audiological practice are introduced, including; basic hearing assessment, paediatric audiology, and basic rehabilitative issues and procedures.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Develop and demonstrate knowledge about the effects of a hearing loss in children and adults and the impact it can have on significant others.

ULO2: Develop and demonstrate a basic understanding of frequently occurring disorders in adults and children that underlie hearing disorders and their effect on the auditory pathway

ULO3: Review the components of routine hearing assessment and build a basic understanding of their use in the identification of normal and pathological results.

ULO4: Demonstrate an understanding of the clinical utility of some common evoked potential tests. Describe the benefits and limitations of these tests and their practical

application in different populations.

ULO5: Display a fundamental knowledge of the different aspects of hearing rehabilitation and the strategies and devices available to an audiologist for both adults and children.

ULO6: Describe how a hearing aid and cochlear implant works and the benefits and limitations of each in different listening situations and discuss which factors are important for assessing implant candidacy.

ULO7: Discuss the role of counselling in aural rehabilitation and how audiological rehabilitation is provided in various contexts and formats.

ULO8: Describe the fundamentals of the balance system and its assessment by the audiologist.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Essay	25%	No	31/03/2024
On-line quiz	15%	No	14/04/2024
Clinical encounter assessment	20%	No	12/05/2024
Exam	40%	No	02/06/2024

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 50 hours

Due: **31/03/2024**

Weighting: **25%**

Each student will have a choice of topics (details in iLearn).

Write an essay describing and contrasting different viewpoints on your selected topic. Illustrative examples are encouraged. The topic will require some research. Please adhere to appropriate referencing. Each essay will be assessed on its content, level of academic writing, originality and coherence. The essay should be no more than 2500 words (excluding references and in-text citations).

Please note that these topics are not fully addressed in lectures. Please adhere to the criteria listed in the section: Submission of work regarding citation, referencing and plagiarism. Please note that the reference list should include books, articles as well as web-site sources. Penalties will be incurred for excessive use of web-sourced material.

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On-line quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours

Due: **14/04/2024**

Weighting: **15%**

The online quiz will be taken on-line through iLearn. The quiz will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions covering all material presented thus far. You will be allowed to log on once during that time to complete the quiz. Please note that the test will be timed. You will have 2 hours in which to complete the quiz. No group work or discussions of test content are allowed during the taking of the quiz. Transgression will result in a 0% mark for the quiz.

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Clinical encounter assessment

Assessment Type ¹: Practice-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **12/05/2024**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will watch videos of clinical encounters with children and describe the procedures that they observe. Appropriate referencing is expected. The report should be no longer than 1500 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Review the components of routine hearing assessment and build a basic understanding of their use in the identification of normal and pathological results.

Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **02/06/2024**

Weighting: **40%**

The final exam will take place within the university examination period. Details of the exam structure will be provided in class.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Classroom lectures and demonstrations.

Please see Leganto for reading materials and recommended textbooks.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
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- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

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