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Acoustics and Psychoacoustics
Session 1, In person-scheduled-weekday, North Ryde 2024

Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MClinAudiology

Corequisites
CAUD8101 and CAUD8103 and CAUD8104

Co-badged status

Unit description
The unit aims to provide you with the knowledge of sound, its physical properties, and fundamentals of auditory perception. In this unit you will learn about the perception of sound in normal hearing adults and the impact of hearing loss on auditory perception. The unit is essential for developing audiological clinical skills as you will learn to apply the principles of psychoacoustics to diagnostic audiology and auditory rehabilitation.

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: Apply the basic principles of acoustics, acoustic measures, and instrument calibration to diagnostic audiology. (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

ULO2: Discuss the basic perceptual attributes of auditory sensation and be able to differentiate their physical/physiological correlates, examine how these are mediated by
hearing impairment and their impact on hearing impaired clients. (Capability 2 Practitioner)

ULO3: Describe and critically evaluate the properties and analysis of complex sounds, sound transmission, and speech perception including phonology. (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

ULO4: Explain the functioning of the auditory system, and the importance of binaural hearing for localisation and listening in noise. (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

**General Assessment Information**

Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading are contained in the Macquarie University Assessment Policy. All final grades are determined by a grading committee, in accordance with the Macquarie University Assessment Policy, and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded a final grade and a mark which must correspond to the grade descriptors specified in the Assessment Procedure (clause 128).

To pass this unit, you must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes, meet any ungraded requirements, and achieve a final mark of 50 or better.

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn.

**Late Submissions**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (OF THE TOTAL POSSIBLE MARK) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern.

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[https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/166720/unit_guide/print](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/166720/unit_guide/print)
Late submission of time sensitive tasks, such as timetabled tests/exams, scheduled performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs, will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.

**Special Consideration**

If you are unable to complete an assessment task on or by the specified date due to circumstances that are unexpected, unavoidable, significantly disruptive and beyond your control, you may apply for special consideration in accordance with the special consideration policy. Applications for special consideration must be supported by appropriate evidence and submitted via ask.mq.edu.au.

### Assessment Tasks

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<td>Exam</td>
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#### Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test  
Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours  
Due: 18/03/2024  
Weighting: 20%

You will complete calculations relating to acoustic and psychoacoustic questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Discuss the basic perceptual attributes of auditory sensation and be able to differentiate their physical/physiological correlates, examine how these are mediated by hearing impairment and their impact on hearing impaired clients. (Capability 2 Practitioner)

#### Report

Assessment Type ¹: Lab report
Indicative Time on Task: 10 hours
Due: 15/04/2024
Weighting: 20%

You will complete a report exploring your understanding of the acoustical and psychoacoustical principles underpinning the exercises completed as part of your practicum activity.

On successful completion you will be able to:
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- Explain the functioning of the auditory system, and the importance of binaural hearing for localisation and listening in noise. (Capability 1 Scientist & Scholar)

Case-based assessment

Assessment Type: Presentation
Indicative Time on Task: 20 hours
Due: 19/05/2024
Weighting: 20%

You will apply both acoustic and psychoacoustic knowledge to a case study and provide a presentation demonstrating the importance of these principles in clinical practice.

On successful completion you will be able to:
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You will complete a final exam with short answers and calculations covering both acoustics, psychoacoustics and their relationship to clinical practice.

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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.

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

This is a blended unit with in-person consolidations and practicals, alongside pre-recorded online content. It is expected that students will complete the pre-recorded content in preparation for upcoming consolidation classes. Students will be informed of content release and expected
tasks to complete prior to attending the consolidation class.

**Recommended Readings**

These are provided on the iLearn site and include publications which align with the learning material. These are recommended to deepen your understanding of course content.

**Technology Used**

Active participation in the learning activities throughout the unit may require students to have access to a tablet, laptop or similar device. Students who do not own their own laptop computer may borrow one from the university library.

**Unit Schedule**

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<td><strong>Practicum: Sound level meters</strong></td>
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<td>4 – Fundamentals of Acoustic Masking</td>
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<td>5 – Calibration</td>
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<td><strong>Practicum: Psychoacoustics</strong></td>
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<td>6 – General Psychoacoustics and Bone Conduction Hearing</td>
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<td>12 - Spatial Hearing and Scene Analysis</td>
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<td>13 – Unit Review</td>
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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (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). 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) 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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Declaration of Generative AI and AI-assisted technologies used in assessment tasks

In line with the Academic Integrity Policy, the following use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools (GAITs) in assessment tasks constitutes academic misconduct:

"Occurs when a student uses material produced by a generative artificial intelligence in an
academic exercise, without authorisation and submits it as their own work."

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Each assessment task may have different guidelines on the accepted use of GAITs. Please ensure you check each assessment task instruction sheet carefully and follow the guidelines to avoid penalty. If you have doubts about what is permitted for each assessment, please check with your unit convenor. Please visit the [AI Tools at Macquarie University - For Students](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/), for more resources.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**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**
- **Complete the Academic Integrity Module**

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- **Subject and Research Guides**
- **Ask a Librarian**

**Student Services and Support**

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/) including:

- **IT Support**
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.

Inclusion and diversity
Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers’ responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone. Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers’ responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone.

Professionalism
In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability
embedded in all our courses.

As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions including clinical, practical, laboratory, work-integrated learning (e.g., PACE placements), and team-based learning activities. Some learning activities are recorded (e.g., face-to-face lectures), however, you are encouraged to avoid relying upon such material as they do not recreate the whole learning experience and technical issues can and do occur. As an adult learner, we respect your decision to choose how you engage with your learning, but we would remind you that the learning opportunities we create for you have been done so to enable your success and that by not engaging you may impact your ability to successfully complete this unit. We equally expect that you show respect for the academic staff who have worked hard to develop meaningful activities and prioritise your learning by communicating with them in advance if you are unable to attend a small group interactive session.

Another dimension of professionalism is having respect for your peers. It is the right of every student to learn in an environment that is free of disruption and distraction. Please arrive to all learning activities on time, and if you are unavoidably detained, please join activity as quietly as possible to minimise disruption. Phones and other electronic devices that produce noise and other distractions must be turned off prior to entering class. Where your own device (e.g., laptop) is being used for class-related activities, you are asked to close down all other applications to avoid distraction to you and others. Please treat your fellow students with the utmost respect. If you are uncomfortable participating in any specific activity, please let the relevant academic know.

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