

Dear Prospective Student and Visitor,

Thank you for your inquiry into our department. Below is some information and guidelines to follow in order to plan your visit to the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

1. To request a visit, please email our Graduate Program Advisers (shgradv@uw.edu) with the following information:
 - Your current degree and background and/or your current degree program
 - The graduate program(s) in which you are interested
 - The specific days and times that you are available to meet with us. Please take into consideration your travel time and **only** communicate to us the days and times you are physically able to be in our building for an appointment.
 - For prospective Ph.D. students, you must have a specific faculty member / prospective mentor identified in order for us to set up a visit.
2. A department visit is approximately 45 minutes in length and consists of a tour of the Department and Clinic and an appointment with an adviser.
3. You may wish to schedule a University of Washington campus tour to coincide with your visit to our department. To schedule a campus tour, please contact the [UW Office of Admissions](#) directly. We'd also suggest visiting the [UW Information and Visitors Center](#) website.
4. We receive hundreds of requests for department visits every year so be sure that you are ready for your meeting. We do track prospective student visits and share meeting notes and impressions with our graduate admissions committee members.
 - Before visiting, be sure to have done your research on the field, department and profession, including a careful review of our department website and entrance requirements.
 - Be aware that the purpose of a department visit is not to answer basic inquiries about content available on our website. Rather, it is your opportunity to collect more in depth information about our programs and faculty and get a sense of whether our degree offerings and educational mission mesh well with your personal objectives and goals.
 - Bring a notebook and a specific list of questions. We strongly encourage note taking.
5. Our availability to meet with prospective students and applicants during our graduate admissions and selection period (February through May) may be limited. We strongly encourage applicants to visit between June and January if possible in order to make an informed decision about applying to our graduate program.
6. Our building is located on the corner of 15th AVE NE and NE 42nd St. We are in the heart of the busy shopping/restaurant area in the University District and we do not have a parking lot. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to find a paid parking space on the street or in one of the paid parking lots and then walk to the department.
7. We appreciate punctuality and encourage business casual dress for our visits. If you arrive early, check in with the front desk. You will be shown to the lounge to wait until your scheduled time. We look forward to meeting you! Thank you for considering a visit.