

**Initiating Dept.:** Communication Sciences

**Course number:** CDIS 249

**Course title:** Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation

**Credits:** 3

**Contact Person:** Carl Coelho

**Catalog Copy:** -CDIS 249W, Introduction to Aural Rehabilitation, First semester, 3 credits, An introduction to the effects of hearing impairment on communication. Communication strategies for adults and children with impaired hearing are discussed.

**W Criteria** : - Each student will write a research paper of at least 15 pages. Topics will be selected by students, with approval of instructor, and pertain to an aspect of aural rehabilitation (e.g., digital hearing aids, cochlear implants, speech and language development in hearing impaired children). This requirement will enable students to research and develop a topic of interest related to the course content. Papers will undergo a minimum of two revisions for conceptual clarity, organization, topic development, grammar and spelling. Feedback regarding preliminary drafts of the paper will be provided during individual meetings with the course instructor. Students cannot pass this course without passing the writing assignment.

**Role of Grad Students:** -The course will be taught by Dr. Cienkowski. If enrollment exceeds 19 a second section will be offered and taught by a doctoral student under Dr. Cienkowski's supervision.

**Supplementary Information:** -The addition of W courses within the CDIS program will allow CDIS majors to fulfill W requirements within the major.