APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Degree Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/)

Requirements for the M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis include 36 credits in required course work, including the culminating experience and supervised internship experience, and at least 3 elective credits for a total of 39 credits.

ABA Core Courses (to be offered at least annually) are required for all students in the program.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ABA 500	Science and Behaviorism	3
ABA 510	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention: Functional Skills	3
ABA 512	Behavioral Assessment and Intervention: Problem Behavior	3
ABA 522	Behavioral Research Methods	3
ABA 533	Principles of Behavior Analysis	3
ABA 534	Advanced Principles of Behavior Analysis	3
ABA 544	Behavioral Systems Support	3
ABA 588	Ethics in Research and Professional Practice	3
ABA 595	Internship	9
Electives		
Additional courses that will count as electives towards this degree can be chosen from a list of approved elective courses maintained by the graduate program office.		3
Culminating Experience		
ABA 594A	RESEARCH TOPICS [1]	3
Total Credits		**39**

[1] The culminating experience for the degree requires the completion of a scholarly paper. Examples of scholarly papers can include empirical research, training and manual construction, publication style literature reviews, etc. All scholarly papers must relate to Applied Behavior Analysis and illustrate advanced knowledge of the research or concepts. Type and scope of the scholarly paper is agreed upon by the student's research chair and second reader.