

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Master of Arts (MA) Online Delivery

The program has a cohort model so students will take classes with the same group of students throughout both years, helping to build a life-long behavior analytic community. Students may apply for admission for Summer or Fall; however, only electives are available during the first summer semester. ABA classes always begin in the fall.

This is a guide based on the 2025-2026 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

42 Hours Required

- ___ AB531 Basic Principles in Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- ___ AB532 Methods for Studying the Behavior of Individuals (3)
- ___ AB533 ABA I: Skill Acquisition and Assessment (3)
- ___ AB534 ABA II: Function Based Assessment and Treatment of Challenging Behavior (3)
- ___ AB535 Principles in Psychopharmacology (3)
- ___ AB537 Behavioral Consultation & Management (3)
- ___ AB601 Conceptual Topics in Behavior Analysis (3)
- ___ AB603 Ethics, Disciplinary Systems, and Professionalism in Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
- ___ AB605 Research & Practice in Applied Behavior Analysis – I (6)
- ___ AB607 Research & Practice in Applied Behavior Analysis – II (6)
- ___ AB608 Research & Practice in Applied Behavior Analysis – III (3)
- ___ GR698 Masters' Final Project (0)

Choose one course:

- ___ CE614 Family/School Partnerships in Early Childhood (3)
- ___ CF520 Professional Ethics and Practice (3)
- ___ CF602 Trauma-Informed Care (3)
- ___ DS618 Environmental Design for Human Services (3)
- ___ ED535 The Trauma-Informed Professional (3)
- ___ EX507 Family and Child with Exceptionalities (3)
- ___ EX555 Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder (3)
- ___ EX601 Educational Assessment Techniques (3)
- ___ EX693 Special Education and the Law (3)
- ___ PY555 Health Psychology (3)

Other 500 or 600 level courses may be considered for electives but must be approved by the Program Coordinator or advisor. All elective courses must be taken at the graduate level.

Recommended Sequence of Required Course Work

Because of the intensive workload for this program, all courses must be completed in order with the exception of the approved elective that may be taken during any semester, though is recommended to be taken during the first summer semester.

Supervised Experience

Individuals seeking to sit for the BCBA® certification exam after January 1, 2022 must complete either 2000 hours of Supervised Fieldwork or 1500 hours of Concentrated Supervised Fieldwork. Supervision by SEMO Faculty is limited. Potential students should contact the SEMO Applied Behavior Analysis Program Coordinator prior to beginning the program if they do not have access to a qualified ABA Supervisor locally.

ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

The accelerated Master of Arts in Applied Behavior Analysis degree program allows undergraduate students to take classes in their senior year that count for both undergraduate credit and graduate credit. Students majoring in Education, Psychology, Child Development, Communication Disorders, or working towards an Autism Studies Certificate could benefit from this opportunity.

Program Requirements:

- Junior Standing with at least 75 credit hours completed
- Limit of 12 hours (500 level)
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Personal statement

Program Notes:

- Must be admitted to the accelerated graduate program prior to taking courses
- Course fee will be at undergraduate rate.
- Course will be initially recorded as undergraduate class at the end of semester.

After grades are submitted at the end of the semester, the courses will be added to the graduate course list for graduate credit.

Admission Requirements

Admission is considered only for the summer and fall semesters. In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale or 6 hours of graduate-level coursework with a 3.0 equivalent in each course
2. Letter of intent addressing preparation for graduate study, ability to succeed at the graduate level and professional goals and objectives. The letter should address what the applicant expects to achieve through graduate level study. The letter of intent should be typed and a maximum of 750 words in length.
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Identification of potential site to obtain supervised experience

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS Academic score of 7.0, TOEFL iBT score of 95, PTE Academic score of 64 or Duolingo English score of 125. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from countries where English is known to be the official language of education are exempt from English proficiency verification. For a complete list of countries, visit* <https://semo.edu/international/admissions/policies.html>.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit <https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

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