

# Autism Studies & Applied Behavior Analysis (BA)

This major will include graduate coursework in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) which will provide a deeper understanding about concepts and principles of ABA, behavior assessment, behavior change procedures, ethics and professional standards, personnel management, as well as additional topics. Undergraduate students seeking board certification as a BCaBA or BCBA must have grades of C or higher in all courses that are required for national board exam eligibility. (C- will not count; must be C or better to take the board examination.) Additionally, undergraduate students seeking board certification may not P/NC any of the courses required for board exam eligibility. If not seeking board certification, only undergraduate course numbers (ex. ABA 313) may be taken for P/NC credit. No graduate courses can be taken for P/NC credit unless the course itself is set up as a P/NC grading option.

*Students who wish to complete a Master of Science in ABA through the Bachelor's/MS program option will need to apply and be admitted to the Bachelor's/MS program by the beginning of their senior year. Additionally, if one is planning to do the Bachelor's/MS program all ABA-prefix graduate coursework taken as an undergraduate student is transferred forward upon Bachelor's degree conferral to an MS student record. Those courses will count in your graduate GPA. In order to graduate with an MS degree, students must have a GPA of 3.0.*

**Department:** Applied Behavior Analysis & Autism Studies

**Type:** Major

## Requirements for the Major in Autism Studies & ABA

Students in this major have the option to take graduate-level courses in the major if they qualify based on GPA (and will need to do so if planning to use those courses for eligibility to take the BCBA® or BCaBA® national board examination); only up to 18 graduate semester hours may be counted toward the BA degree. *All courses are 3 s.h. unless otherwise noted.*

Bachelor's/MS students should take graduate equivalents where allowable, if eligible based on GPA.

*Students must wait until junior status to take these ABA graduate courses, rare exceptions with approval.*

## Required ABA Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ABA 313	BASIC CONCEPTS/PRINCIPLES OF ABA	4
	ABA 314 or ABA 514	3
	ABA 336 or ABA 536	3
	ABA 344 or ABA 544	3
	ABA 345 or ABA 545	4
	ABA 347 or ABA 547	3

## Autism Sequence

Offered online only (except that practicum requires 70 direct hours of fieldwork). To earn the Comprehensive Certificate in ASD, a 3.0 average in these four courses is required plus a B-in ASD 363/364. Only one C range grade is permitted in the certificate program.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ASD 360	CHARACT & ASSESS OF ASD	3
ASD 361	COMM, LANG, & SENSORY ASPECTS: ASD (W)	3
ASD 362	SOC SKILLS & BEHAV STRAT: ASD (R)	3
ASD 363	ASD: PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE I (CO)	1.5
ASD 364	ASD: PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE II (CO)	1.5

## Additional Requirements

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	PSYC 101 or PSYC 111	3
ABA 395	SENIOR SEMINAR I	0.5
ABA 400	SENIOR PROJECT (M)	3

## Electives

Choose 3 of the following courses. This list includes on-campus and online options and any alternatives must be approved by the coordinator of the major.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SOWK 251	CHILD WELFARE SERVICES	3
PSYC 212	COGNITION/COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE(R)	3
PSYC 241	SENSATION AND PERCEPTION (N)	3
	ED 212 OR PSYC 210	3
ED 215	FOUNDATIONS & LEGAL ISSUES OF SPED	3
ED 205	CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCEPTIONALITY	3
ABA 220	ACCELERATING ATHLETIC PERFORMAN (Q)	3
ABA 320	INCLU & AFFRM CLINICAL PRACT (D)	3
ABA 321	BEH SYS & CHNG MGMT	3
ASD 220	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES-ASD (I)	3
ASD 221	WOMEN & NEURODIVERSITY (G)	3
PSYC 203	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (S)	3

**Total Credits AS & ABA Major = 47.5**

## Bachelor's/Masters option

Additional requirements for students doing the Bachelor's/MS, to be taken post-BA. Courses are offered online only.

*Students completing this option will take 16 graduate credit hours as an undergraduate student and 19 graduate credit hours as an MS student completing a total of 35 graduate credit hours for the MS degree.*

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ABA 513	BASIC CONCEPTS/PRINCIPLES OF ABA	4
ABA 535	ADV CONCEPTS & PRINCIPLES OF ABA	3
ABA 631	APPLICATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL INQ	3
	ABA 632 and ABA 633 OR ABA 634 and ABA 635	3

## Plus two electives from this list

Students may not take graduate versions of courses they may have taken at the undergraduate level from this list.

*Alternate elective options require preapproval.*

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ABA 620	INCLU & AFFRM CLINICAL PRACT	3
ABA 621	BEH SYS & CHNG MGMT	3
ASD 640	CHARACT & ASSESS OF ASD	3
ED 622	CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCEPTIONALITY	3
IN 620	FOUNDATIONS & LEGAL ISSUES OF SPED	3

**Total MS ABA Credit Hours = 35**