

ADVANCED STUDIES OPTION APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS EMPHASIS MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

¹ SPED 550 and SPED 580. Thesis students usually complete and defend their thesis in two semesters, but some students may require additional semesters at one credit per semester, depending on the study

Note: Only one "C" grade can be counted in coursework leading to a degree in the Master of Science in Special Education Advanced Studies Option.

The Master of Science in Special Education Advanced Studies Option is designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and desire to pursue advanced studies in special education applied behavior analysis, but do not wish to use this degree to gain an endorsement in special education on an educator license. This advanced degree prepares candidates to become behavior analysts, as completion of this Master's degree would qualify them to apply for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst professional exam.

Students are highly encouraged to have some background in the field of applied behavior analysis, psychology, or special education before starting the program.

The degree program includes a Verified Course Sequence, approved by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (www.abainternational.org (<https://www.abainternational.org/welcome.aspx>)) and the Professional Practice track is a BACB University Intensive Practicum.

All students seeking a degree or post baccalaureate program through the Department of Educational Theory & Practice must obtain criminal background reports by submitting fingerprints to the Licensure Office upon application to Graduate Studies.

Code	Title	Credits
Professional Core		
SPED 502	Research in Special Programs	3
SPED 533	Lrning & Exp Anlysis of Bhvr	3
Subtotal		6
Professional Specialization		
SPED 515	Ethics in Educ & Human Svcs	3
SPED 520	Applied Behavior Analysis	3
SPED 551	Assessment & Planning	3
SPED 574	Data-Based Instruction	3
SPED 586	Cncptl Iss in Radical Behvrism	3
Select one Competency Elective from the following: (Thesis track students take both):		
SPED 550	Tchnng Stdnts w Emtnl/Bhvr/ Dis	
SPED 580	Autism Spctr Dis: Char & Intrv	
Subtotal		18-21
Select one of the following options:		9-15
Professional Practice Option		
SPED 590	Internship (Fall)	
SPED 590	Internship (Spring)	
SPED 590	Internship (Mini-Thesis)	
Thesis Option		
SPED 599	Thesis	
Thesis students must take two (2) Competency Electives ¹		
Subtotal		9-15
Total Minimum Credits		33-39