

Psychology – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Combined Pathways Program

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the scientific study of behavior and learning – both of which are strong curricular elements of the undergraduate Psychology degree at Buffalo State. Similarly, due to the fact that Applied Behavior Analysts double as both scientists and therapeutic practitioners (particularly in areas of mental health), the curricular focus in Psychology at Buffalo State on training undergraduates in the scientist practitioner model represents an excellent fit with the ABA MS Program – particularly in preparing students for future careers in ABA. Psychology is also one of the predominant undergraduate degrees that are accepted into ABA graduate programs.

Enrollment in this combined pathway allows highly qualified, currently-enrolled SUNY Buffalo State students to begin work on a Master of Science (M.S.) in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) while completing a bachelor's degree in either Applied Psychology (B.A.) or Psychological Science (B.S.). Twelve (12) credits of designated master's courses would be incorporated into the B.A. or B.S. program and count toward both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree.

Admission into the combined pathway is highly selective. Matriculated undergraduate students may apply to the BA/MS or BS/MS pathway in their third year (junior year) and will complete all of the application requirements for the program. The admission application process includes a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and in Psychology, a statement of intent, 3 letters of reference, and a faculty interview.

Undergraduate Degree

BA in Applied Psychology or BS in Psychological Science Requirements

Must include the following:

PSY 393 Abnormal Child Psychology

PSY 310 Behavior Modification

Graduate Courses Taken in Undergraduate Program (12 credits)

EXE 522 Assessment and Instruction of Behavior

EXE 544 Behavioral Interventions for Students with Challenging Behavior

EXE 634 Applied Behavior Analysis

EXE 681 Clinical Records and Ethical Practices for Behavior analysis

Graduate Courses Taken in ABA Graduate Program (21 credits)

EXE 644 Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis

EXE 645 Effective Practices for Supporting Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

EXE 646 Culture, Diversity, Disability and Education

EXE 683 Clinical Supervision and Management

EXE 684 Introduction to Research Methodology

EXE 690 Master's Project



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