

Interdisciplinary Minor in Applied Behavior Analysis & Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Watson College of Education offer an interdisciplinary minor in Applied Behavior Analysis and Developmental/Intellectual Disabilities. This minor provides students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of behavior analysis with an emphasis on how these principles are applied, for example, to individuals with intellectual disabilities such as autism, in schools, etc. The curriculum, reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the field, will include coursework from the department of Psychology and the Special Education Program. Students should contact one of the Minor coordinators for more information.

Minor coordinators:

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Requirements for the Minor: All students must complete four required core courses (12 hrs.), one required field experience course (3 hrs.), a required advanced topic (3-4 hrs.), and 3 hours of approved electives for a total of 21-22 hours. At least 9 hours must come from courses outside the student's major.

Required Core Courses (12 hours)

PSY 105	General Psychology
PSY 217	Learning & Behavior Change
PSY 317	Applied Behavior Analysis
SED 250	Introduction to Special Education

** Possible substitute courses for Required Field Experience include:

- SED 351 – Learning and Behavioral Disorders in a Diverse Society
- SED 352 – Behavioral Development
- SED 375 – Collaboration Strategies in Special Education
- PSY 419 – Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum

Required Field Experience Course (3 hours)**

SED 355	Children and Adolescents with Behavioral Disorders OR
SED 356	Severe Disabilities

Note that either course may be used to meet elective requirements if both courses are taken

Required Advanced Topic (3-4 hours)

PSY 417	Advanced Learning & Behavior Analysis OR
SED 374	Applied Behavior Analysis for Teachers

Note that either course may be used to meet elective requirements if both courses are taken

Elective Courses (3 hours) *At least three credit hours from any of the following:***

ASL 101	Introductory American Sign Language I
PED 415	Adapted Physical Education
PSY 220	Child Psychology
PSY 491	Directed Individual Study
PSY 495	Topical Seminar (<i>with approval of the Minor Coordinator</i>)
PSY 499	Honors Work in Psychology (<i>with approval of the Minor Coordinator</i>)

** Possible substitute courses for Elective Courses include:

- PSY 316 – Intro to Applied Behavior Analysis for Behavior Technicians
- PSY 318 – Developmental Disabilities and Behavior Analysis

Total : 21-22 hours

**Please contact the Psychology ABA Minor Coordinator, Dr. Carole Van Camp (vancampc@uncw.edu), or the Undergraduate Coordinator, Dr. Karen Daniels (danielsk@uncw.edu), with questions about course substitutions.