

THESIS RESEARCH AND/OR ELECTIVE COURSES

MASTER'S IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

**FOR STUDENTS WHO MATRICULATE BEGINNING IN FALL 2015

Qualifications for completing a thesis:

- High GPA (3.75 or higher)
- Active engagement in research prior to thesis (e.g., attendance at lab meetings)
- Formal research relationship with ABA mentor
- ABA mentor agrees to supervise thesis
- Completion of 730.05 and 730.06 prior to planning a thesis

There are three options for completing Thesis Research and/or Elective Courses. A total of 15-credit hours are required that can be distributed between thesis research and elective courses in the following ways:

1. **6-credits of independent thesis work and 3-credits of elective courses.** Students choosing this option will work closely with an Applied Behavior Analysis faculty member* and:
 - a. Develop a new research project.
 - b. Formally propose his or her research in a meeting with the faculty advisor and at least one additional committee member (fulltime faculty member of the Department of Psychology).
 - c. Produce a publication-style manuscript for the proposal committee meeting.
 - d. Submit an Institutional Review Board (IRB) application for the proposed research project (IRB approval is required before the study can begin).
 - e. Defend the final project (as a publication-style manuscript) to the student's faculty advisor and additional committee member.
2. **3-credits of thesis work and 6-credits of elective courses.** Students choosing this option will work with an Applied Behavior Analysis faculty member* and:
 - a. Develop a research project that can be an elaboration of research conducted in Psych 730.05/730.06 and/or 795.
 - b. Submit an Institutional Review Board (IRB) application for the proposed research project (IRB approval is required before the study can begin).
 - c. The final outcome of this research is a publication-style manuscript that is approved by the student's faculty advisor.
3. **9-credits of elective course and completion of comprehensive exams.** See [Comprehensive Exams Guidelines](#).

List of Elective Courses:

Applied Behavior Analysis Electives	Other Electives *maximum of 6 credits allowed from this list
<p>Psych 720.01 Developmental Disabilities I (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 720.02 Developmental Disabilities II (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 720.03 Behavioral Intervention in Developmental Disabilities (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 720.04 Behavioral Analysis of Child Development (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 730.04 Supervised Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis</p> <p>Psych 730.07 Theories of Association (3cr)</p> <p>Psych 791.3/754.00 Behavioral Sciences and Business (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 780 Quantitative Methods in Psychology (3 cr) *statistics course designed for evaluating single subject research designs</p> <p>Psych 791.03 Special Topics: Autism Treatment (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 791.03 Seminar in Learning and Behavioral Analysis (3 cr)</p>	<p>Psych 700.00 History of Psychology (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 703.1 Design of Psychological Research (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 708.1 Basic Neuroscience: Neuroanatomy (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 708.4 Behavioral Neuroscience (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 720 Developmental Psychology (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 746 Social Psychology (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 755 Psychopathology I (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 760 Psychometric Methods (3 cr)</p> <p>Psych 791.3/757.00 Organizational Diagnosis and Intervention (3 cr)</p>

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