

MASTER OF ARTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

This 36-hour degree plan is designed for individuals who are seeking board certification in behavior analysis. Students have the option of earning an MA (thesis) or MA (non-thesis). The MA (thesis) option requires successful completion of a master's thesis defense. The MA (non-thesis) requires successful completion of a research project or literature review. The degree plan originates in the School of Teaching and Learning. The candidate must successfully complete a comprehensive examination. Candidates must be enrolled in coursework during the semester they take comprehensive examinations.

To be regularly admitted to the graduate school, applicants must submit to the Office of Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, both undergraduate and graduate (Note: A minimum GPA of 2.5 in undergraduate and graduate work is expected)
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Acceptable writing sample

The priority deadline for applications is May 1st. The final deadline is July 15th. Applications are reviewed for Fall semester start dates only.

Master of Arts in Special Education (Low Incidence Disabilities and Autism Program)

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Master of Arts in Special Education (Low Incidence Disabilities and Autism Program) | | |
| Courses | | |
| SPED 6301 | Applied Behavior Analysis * | 3 |
| SPED 6302 | Seminar In Autism Spectrum Dis | 3 |
| SPED 6303 | Behvrl Intervntn & Change Proc * | 3 |
| SPED 6304 | In-Home Training & Family Iss | 3 |
| SPED 6306 | Eval & Measurement Of Behavior * | 3 |
| SPED 6307 | Behvrl Assmnt Iss & Proc * | 3 |
| SPED 6314 | Thesis I-Rsch Mthd-Bhvr Analys | 3 |
| SPED 6315 | Thesis II ¹ | 3 |
| or SPED 6317 | Applied Research In Spec Ed | |
| SPED 6318 | Ethics for Behavior Analysts * | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| SPED 5303 | Stdy-Cognvtve/Low Incidn Dsblty | |
| SPED 5304 | Tch Mthd-Lrnrs/Mild-Mod Dsblty | |
| SPED 6305 | Std Behavior Disorder Children | |
| SPED 6329 | Personnel Supervision in ABA * | 3 |
| SPED 6331 | Advanced Concepts and Principles in ABA * | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 36 |

¹ MA Thesis students enroll in SPED 6315. MA Non-thesis students enroll in SPED 6317.

* The Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.® has approved the following course sequence as meeting the 4th edition coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination®. Applicants will have to meet additional requirements to qualify.

Note: Applicants who already possess a master's degree may be interested in the Applied Behavior Analysis Certification (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/graduate/college-departments/education/school-of-teaching-and-learning/board-certified-behavior-analyst>) only option.