

MINOR IN APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

The Minor in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is designed to provide students with a general understanding of the scientific application of behavioral principles to socially significant behaviors. The minor requires 18 semester credit hours (six courses) in special education. All ABA minor courses are offered online and are taught by Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

Students interested in pursuing the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (<https://www.bacb.com/bcaba/>) credential should contact the ABA minor coordinator for additional information.

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has verified the following courses toward the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA) (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bacb.com%2Fbcaba%2F&data=05%7C01%7Carg019%40SHSU.EDU%7C1c7396e5f5af41a7c5eb08da68f2a330%7Cb153cbd8b39247449b39e3cdb8677f00%7C0%7C0%7C637937688571756918%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RY5PoEVEmlA40iJ%2FeFTY%2BYOmg080q4yOqYCohY8WK4%3D&reserved=0>) examination until December 31, 2026. After that date, the courses will not be valid. Applicants will need to meet additional requirements before they can be deemed eligible to take the examination.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Minor in Applied Behavior Analysis | | |
| Required Courses | | |
| SPED 2301 | Introduction to Exceptionality | 3 |
| SPED 3306 | Behavioral Principles | 3 |
| SPED 3307 | Behavioral Assessment, Intervention, and Evaluation ¹ | 3 |
| SPED 3308 | Behavioral Intervention and Research Methods | 3 |
| SPED 3309 | Ethics in Behavior Analysis ² | 3 |
| SPED 3310 | Advanced Behavior Analysis ³ | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

¹ SPED 3305 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203305>) may be substituted for SPED 3307 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203307>), but it does not meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to sit for the BCaBA exam.

² PHIL 2306 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=PHIL%202306>) may be substituted for SPED 3309 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203309>) but it does not meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to sit for the BCaBA exam.

³ SPED 3312 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203312>) may be substituted for SPED 3310 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=SPED%203310>), but it does not meet the coursework requirements for eligibility to sit for the BCaBA exam.