

Applied Behavior Analysis

2025-2026 Catalog Year

Behavior Analysis is an applied science approach to making a difference in human services and human behavior. Professionals in this field identify and measure on-going behavior in educational, business, & institutional settings. Graduates of the applied behavior analysis program gain experience in applying & using behavior technology to modify behavior problems. Students gain practical experience through fieldwork in projects working with children with autism, behavior management in school settings, analysis of severe self-injury, teaching self-managements skills to troubled adolescents in group homes, peer tutoring programs, & projects on improving performance in business & other organizations. Check out the department website at behv.hps.unt.edu for more information about the faculty and the program. The HPS Office of Student Services assists students with degree planning.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of North Texas consists of 120 college credit hours, of which 42 are advanced. The degree requires 42 hours of general academics, 34 hours in the major, and 44 hours of general electives.

Occupation Opportunities for Behavior Analysis majors:

- Instructional Specialist
- Habilitation Specialist
- Behavior Intervention Supervisor
- Behavior Analyst in the Dallas Independent School District
- Manager for Teaching-Family Homes for Troubled Adolescents
- Individual Service Coordinator for MHMR Agencies
- Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP)
- Parent/Child in-home Trainer for Children with Autism
- Human Services Administrator
- Assistant to Behavior Consultant
- Trainer, Supervisor, or Program Coordinator for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities

Major Requirements

Behavior Analysis Required Courses (34 Hours):

*Major GPA must be 2.7 or above

BEHV 2300	Behavior Principles I	BEHV 3770	Building Skills with Behavior Technology (4)
BEHV 2700	Behavior Principles II	BEHV 3300	Organizational Behavior Management
BEHV 3440	Data Collection & Analysis (4)	BEHV 4300	Culturally Responsive Ethics in ABA
BEHV 3550	Behavior Change Techniques (4)	BEHV 4010	Functional Analysis & Problem Behavior (4)
BEHV 3660	Survey of Applied Behavior Analysis Literature	BEHV 4750	Capstone in Applied Behavior Analysis

Behavior Analysis Electives:

BEHV 3200	Science, Skepticism, and Weird Behavior	BEHV 3000	ABA and Autism I (Spring only)
BEHV 4900	Science, Skepticism, and Weird Behavior II	BEHV 3400	Self-Management (Fall only)

Areas of Study in Behavior Analysis:

- Autism
- Behavior Disorders — School Children
- Developmental Disabilities
- Experimental Analysis
- Human Performance Improvement — Business & Industry
- Instructional Technology
- Juvenile Delinquency

Optional Minor (18 Hours, 6 Advanced Hours):

Suggested Minors: Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Gerontology, Psychology, Rehabilitation Studies, Special Education or any field with a focus on motivating human behavior & behavior problems.