

Minor in Applied Behavioral Science

Why study applied behavioral science?

The Department of Applied Behavioral Science offers a curriculum through which students learn how to examine and address problems of social importance across the lifespan. Students receive training in the application of behavioral science to improve the human condition through prevention and intervention.

Requirements for the Minor

Students selecting a minor in Applied Behavioral Science are required to complete ABSC 100 and at least 15 credit hours of coursework in ABS, 12 of which must be at the junior/senior level (courses numbered 300 or above). No more than 3 credit hours in practicum courses and no more than 3 credit hours in research, special topics, and study abroad courses may count toward the general ABS minor.

We recommend that students who are interested in an ABS minor see an ABS advisor and **consider completing a course sequence that focus on one of the following specialty areas:** Early Childhood Education and Intervention; Early Childhood Autism Intervention, Early Childhood Research, Youth Development and Juvenile Justice, Adults with Disabilities, Community Health and Development, Basic Research in Behavioral Science, Organizational Behavior Management Research and Practice, and Historical and Conceptual Foundations of Behavioral Science. Specialty area course sequences are described below.

Early Childhood Autism Intervention

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 160 | Introduction to Child Behavior and Development | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 350 | The Behavioral Treatment of Children with Autism | 3 |
| ABSC 444 | Curriculum Development for Young Children | 3 |
| ABSC 680 | Practicum in Advanced Laboratory in the Development of Behavioral Treatments for Children with Autism ¹ | 3 |

¹ Indicates practicum course. Admission to practicum courses for students completing a minor in ABS is subject to limitations on practicum openings.

Early Childhood Research

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 160 | Introduction to Child Behavior and Development | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 308 | Research Methods and Application | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ABSC 350 | The Behavioral Treatment of Children with Autism | |
| ABSC 444 | Curriculum Development for Young Children | |
| ABSC 509 | Contemporary Behavioral Science: Historical, Conceptual, and Comparative Foundations | |

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| ABSC 679 | Practicum in Behavior Analysis Research in Early Childhood Education ¹ | 3 |
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Early Childhood Education & Intervention

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 160 | Introduction to Child Behavior and Development | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ABSC 350 | The Behavioral Treatment of Children with Autism | |
| ABSC 455 | Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Development | |
| ABSC 486 | Issues in Parenting | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ABSC 675 & ABSC 676 | Practicum in Infant-Toddler Care and Early Intervention I and Practicum in Infant-Toddler Care and Early Intervention II ¹ | |
| ABSC 677 & ABSC 678 | Practicum in Preschool Education and Intervention I and Practicum in Preschool Education and Intervention II ¹ | |

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Youth Development and Juvenile Justice

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 410 | Behavioral Approaches in Working with Adolescents | 3 |
| ABSC 560 | The Juvenile Justice System: A Behavioral and Legal Perspective | 3 |
| ABSC 694 | Practicum in Juvenile Problems ¹ | 3 |

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Adults with Disabilities

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 350 | The Behavioral Treatment of Children with Autism | 3 |
| ABSC 410 | Behavioral Approaches in Working with Adolescents | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ABSC 535 | Developmental Psychopathology | |
| ABSC 437 | Independent Living and People with Disabilities | |

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| ABSC 565 | Applied Developmental Psychology | |
| ABSC 685 | Practicum in Community-based Residential or Day Treatment Programs for Disabled Adults ¹ | 3 |

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Community Health and Development

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 150 | Community Leadership | 3 |
| ABSC 310 | Building Healthy Communities | 3 |
| Select three of the following: | | 9 |
| ABSC 410 | Behavioral Approaches in Working with Adolescents | |
| ABSC 437 | Independent Living and People with Disabilities | |
| ABSC 455 | Health, Safety, and Nutrition in Early Childhood Development | |
| ABSC 486 | Issues in Parenting | |
| ABSC 535 | Developmental Psychopathology | |
| ABSC 562 | Behavioral Community Approaches to Addressing Social Issues | |
| ABSC 565 | Applied Developmental Psychology | |
| ABSC 626 | Psychology of Adolescence | |
| ABSC 671 | Applied Behavior Analysis | |

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Basic Research in Behavioral Science

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 308 | Research Methods and Application | 4 |
| PSYC 210 | Statistics in Psychological Research | 3 |
| ABSC 425 | Teaching Apprenticeship in Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 509 | Contemporary Behavioral Science: Historical, Conceptual, and Comparative Foundations | 3 |
| ABSC 692 | Practicum in Basic Research ¹ | 3 |

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Organizational Behavior Management Research & Practice

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 308 | Research Methods and Application | 4 |
| ABSC 470 | Organizational Behavior Management | 3 |
| ABSC 509 | Contemporary Behavioral Science: Historical, Conceptual, and Comparative Foundations | 3 |
| ABSC 682 | Organizational Behavior Management Practicum ¹ | 3 |

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Conceptual Foundations of Behavioral Science

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| ABSC 100 | Introduction to Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 304 | Principles and Procedures of Behavioral Interventions | 3 |
| ABSC 308 | Research Methods and Application | 4 |
| ABSC 425 | Teaching Apprenticeship in Applied Behavioral Science | 3 |
| ABSC 509 | Contemporary Behavioral Science: Historical, Conceptual, and Comparative Foundations | 3 |
| ABSC 693 | Practicum in Historical and Conceptual Foundations ¹ | 3 |

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Applied Behavioral Science Minor Hours & GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the Minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).