

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

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

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	

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

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

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

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	

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

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

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

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

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>).