

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Behavior Analysis</b>	<b>Dept:</b>	<b>Psychology</b>
<b>Major:</b>	<b>Behavior Analysis</b>	<b>College:</b>	<b>Education and Professional Studies</b>
<b>Degree:</b>	<b>Master of Science (M.S.)</b>	<b>Major Code:</b>	<b>3820</b>

### Behavior Analysis, M.S.

The Behavior Analysis Program at the University of Central Oklahoma has as its foundation the university's mission of providing transformative educational experiences to students so that they may become productive, creative, ethical, and engaged citizens and leaders serving our global community. The program aims to create successful clinicians whose training enables them to impact their community by supporting those in need of behavioral health services. A combination of conceptual, theoretical, and practical preparation will provide a transformative experience as the graduate learner progress from student to productive and ethical professional behavior analyst.

#### Program Objectives:

- Develop the behavior analytic knowledge and experience to be successful clinicians;
- Prepare graduates to make impactful contributions to their communities as behavior analysts;
- Prepare graduates to meet certification standards of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB);
- Prepare graduates to work with a variety of populations in a variety of settings including autism, developmental disabilities, education, homes, clinic, and corporate settings;
- Develop scientist-practitioners by providing learning opportunities in critical thinking, experimental design, research, and program evaluation;
- Provide coursework and practical experiences that are designed to facilitate competency in the theories of behavior analysis and the philosophy of behaviorism and functional contextualism;
- Develop ethical and culturally competent professionals across all areas of professional practice.

Graduates obtain training and experience leading behavior change efforts in coursework on personnel management and consultation. These courses prepare graduates to be in leadership roles where directing other practitioners in behavior change interventions on behalf of their clients is required

The coursework has been approved by the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) to meet the coursework requirements for certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). The completion of the master's program meets the degree requirement allowing students to take the BCBA certification exam.

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### Admission Requirements

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
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- Admission to the program is for **Fall semester only**. Online application for admission ([www.uco.edu/graduate/](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/)).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
  - A preferred minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 2.75 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
  - Completion of PSY 2753 Psychological Statistics or equivalent as determined by the program coordinator.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).
- A preferred GRE score of at least 290 on the combined verbal reasoning and quantitative sections, and a minimum of 3.5 on the writing section.

*\*Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

### Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) Requirements

Qualifying current UCO undergraduate students seeking an Accelerated Degree Pathway (ADP) must abide by the policies and procedures outlined within the Graduate Catalog. Accelerated pathways are only available in approved bachelor's and master's degree programs (see [Accelerated Degree Pathways on p.196](#)).

- The undergraduate student must be pursuing an undergraduate UCO major that is designated and approved as part of the official UCO Accelerated Degree Pathway offerings.
- The undergraduate student must be classified as "senior" standing or be completing the last semester of their junior year (soon to be entering into their senior undergraduate year)
- The undergraduate student must have a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and 3.0 or higher in major specific coursework; the undergraduate GPA will be verified by the student's undergraduate academic advisor and by a representative of the Jackson College of Graduate Studies.

### Other Requirements

- Plan of Study. Upon acceptance into the program, each student must meet with an advisor in the behavior analysis program and complete a plan of study. Each student must then file it with the Psychology Department and subsequently with the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS).
- Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  - The student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  - No more than six hours of "C" will be applied to the degree requirements.

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- No more than 3 hours of C from ABAI approved course sequence coursework (i.e. PSY 5823, PSY 5833, PSY 5853, PSY 5863, PSY 5873, PSY 5883, PSY 5773) will be applied to the degree requirements.
- No grade below “ C” will be applied to the degree requirements.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title	Hrs
Fall - First Year			
PSY	5823	ABA I: Foundations in Behavioral Analysis	3
PSY	5193	Experimental Design	3
PSY	5783	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
Spring - First Year			
PSY	5833	ABA II: Applications of Techniques in Applied Behavior Analysis	3
PSY	5883	School Based Psycho-Educational Intervention	3
PSY	5143	Advanced Developmental	3
Summer - First Year			
PSY	5873	Ethical Conduct & Principles of ABA	3
Fall - Second Year			
PSY	5853	ABA III: Topics in ABA	3
PSY	5773	Personnel and Program Management	3
PSY	5893	Consultation in School Psychology	3
Spring - Second Year			
PSY	5863	ABA IV: Single Subject Design	3
PSY	5900	Practicum	3

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..... 36 HOURS**

**Accelerated Degree Pathway: BS to MS**

Students who are accepted to the undergraduate degree in Psychology may apply to take up to a maximum of 9 hours during their senior year of the bachelor’s degree. These courses will count toward both the Psychology bachelor’s degree and Behavior Analysis master’s degree. The approved graduate courses are: PSY 5193, 5783, 5823, 5833, 5883. These courses are specified on the degree sheet. During the last semester of their junior year or within 30 hours of graduation, an undergraduate student with a 3.0 overall GPA may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program.