MA Degree in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Emphasis in Autism
Department of Special Education
Ball State University

PLAN OF STUDY

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Undergraduate Institution: **Degree Earned:**

Graduate Institution: **Degree Earned:**

Course Plan

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Plan Approved: Yes _____ No _____

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Faculty Advisor **Date**

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Student Signature

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Date

Please submit the MA in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Emphasis in Autism Plan of Study to Dr. Jerry D. Ulman at julman2@bsu.edu or Dr. David E. McIntosh at demcintosh@bsu.edu for approval.

Guidelines for Completing the Plan of Study

1. The MA in Applied Behavior Analysis with Emphasis in Autism must include 30 hours of graduate level courses. The following courses must be reflected in the Plan of Study:

SPCED 609: Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credit hours)
SPCED 610: Behavioral Consultation (3 credit hours)
SPCED 611: Advanced Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credit hours)
SPCED 619: Professional Issues in Applied Behavior Analysis (3 credit hours)
SPCED 636: Research in Special Education (3 credit hours)
SPCED 638: Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis (6 credit hours)*
SPCED 680: Introduction to Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 credit hours)
SPCED 682: Interventions and Treatments for Persons with Autism (3 credit hours)
SPCED 683: Practicum in Autism (3 credit hours)

It is important to note that you have the option of taking SPCED 660: *Verbal Behavior* (3 credit hrs) in exchange for 3 credit hours of SPCED 638: *Practicum in Applied Behavior Analysis*.

2. Students can start the sequence of courses any semester. Students must complete SPCED 609 before they can enroll in SPCED 610 or SPCED 611. SPCED 610 and SPCED 611 can be taken in any order or concurrently. Students must complete SPCED 609 and SPCED 611 prior to enrolling in SPCED 638. SPCED 680 and SPCED 682 can be taken in any order or concurrently. Students can enroll in SPCED 611 and SPCED 683 during the same semester. However, students cannot enroll in SPCED 683 and then complete SPCED 611. Students must complete SPCED 609, 680, and 682 prior to enrolling in SPCED 683.

NOTE: The MA degree also will lead to the Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis and/or Certificate in Autism. However, you must notify the Graduate School and submit separate plans if you would like these certificates in addition to the MA degree. Plans for both certificates are located on the website. Students interested in becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) also will need to complete SPCED 660: Verbal Behavior (3). In addition, students will need to complete a BCBA supervised practicum experience. Students must accumulate 1500 hours of BCBA-supervised practicum experience prior to being eligible to take the BCBA exam. To become eligible to take the BCBA examination requires a master's degree. For additional information on becoming a BCBA click on the following link: (www.bacb.com)

3. Please attach your Plan of Study to an e-mail and send to either Dr. Jerry D. Ulman at julman2@bsu.edu or Dr. David E. McIntosh at demcintosh@bsu.edu. Please send it as a Microsoft word document.

4. You must be admitted to the MA Program in Applied Behavior Analysis with an Emphasis in Autism prior to completing a plan and having your plan approved.