

BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (PH.D)

Salve Regina University's Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis provides students the coursework, research mentorship, and supervised clinical work necessary to help them establish a well-rounded behavior analytic repertoire. Students who complete the program will meet the qualifications to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst- Doctoral (BCBA-D), the highest credential in behavior analysis. Individuals with a BCBA-D credential will be competitive for advanced clinical, research, and teaching positions.

Salve's Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis consists of 12 courses (36 credits).

Program Prerequisites

All students in this program must also meet all the requirements for Salve's M.S. in Behavior Analysis prior to completing their Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis. Individuals interested in the Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis can apply with or without a master's degree in behavior analysis. Students who do not have a master's degree can be admitted to the Ph.D. program and will be required to complete Salve's behavior analysis master's program requirements as part of the Ph.D. program. Students who already have an applicable master's degree can be admitted to the Ph.D. program and can apply to waive some or all of the master's program requirements. Any master's program requirements that cannot be waived must be completed by the student as part of the Ph.D. program.

The 12 courses (36 credits) required to complete the Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis consist of five core courses, two electives, three experiential courses, and two semesters of dissertation research. In addition to the 12 courses (36 credits), students will be required to complete a comprehensive examination. The anticipated time to complete the Ph.D. program is four to five years if the student does not have a master's degree in behavior analysis when they enter the program. The anticipated time to complete the program is two to three years if the student does have a master's degree in behavior analysis and is able to waive the master's program requirements.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses (15 Credits)		
PSY-630	Advanced Research Methods	3
PSY-623	Autism Spectrum and Other Developmental Disabilities	3
PSY-631	ABA Consultation	3
PSY-636	Experimental Analysis of Behavior II	3
PSY-642	Behavior Analysis & Societal Issues	3
Electives Courses (6 Credits)		
PSY-613	Educational Psychology	3
PSY-621	Health Psychology	3
PSY-625	Mental Health Constructs	3
PSY-633	Organizational Behavior Management	3
PSY-640	Current & Professional Issues Behavior Analysis	3
PSY-651	Critical Thinking and Decision Making in Psychology	3
PSY-680	Individual Research	3
PSY-699	Special Topics	3
Experiential Learning Courses (9 Credits)		
PSY-672	Practicum III	3
PSY-673	Practicum IV	1-3

PSY-675	Behavior Analysis: College Teaching	1-3
Dissertation (6 Credits)		
PSY-690	Dissertation Research and Writing I	1-3
PSY-691	Dissertation Research and Writing II	1-3

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
PSY-623	Autism Spectrum and Other Developmental Disabilities (Or Elective)	3
PSY-630	Advanced Research Methods	3
Credits		6
Spring		
PSY-636	Experimental Analysis of Behavior II	3
Elective		3
Credits		6
Summer		
PSY-672	Practicum III	3
Credits		3
Second Year		
Fall		
PSY-699	Special Topics	3
PSY-673	Practicum IV	1-3
PSY-675	Behavior Analysis: College Teaching	1-3
Credits		5-9
Spring		
PSY-631	ABA Consultation	3
PSY-642	Behavior Analysis & Societal Issues	3
Credits		6
Third Year		
Fall		
PSY-690	Dissertation Research and Writing I	3
Credits		3
Spring		
PSY-691	Dissertation Research and Writing II	1-3
Credits		1-3
Total Credits		30-36