California State University, Fresno

Department of Psychology

Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Program Requirements

Overview

The M.A. program in Psychology offers a choice of emphases/options in either general/experimental psychology or applied behavior analysis. Students in the behavior analysis emphasis who complete the additional units required for certification will be prepared to sit for the national certification exam upon graduation, thus qualifying them for employment in the behavior analysis field.

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to the ABA track of the Master of Arts in Psychology program during fall semesters only. The deadline is February 1 for admission in the following fall semester. The general GRE is required for admission. Students are encouraged to have a combined score of at least 1000 on the general GRE. Minimum GPAs of 3.0 for undergraduate and graduate work (if applicable) also are encouraged. In addition to official GRE scores and academic transcripts, applicants should submit completed graduate study applications (to both the Division of Graduate Studies and the Department of Psychology) and three letters of recommendation.

Prerequisite Courses for the Psychology MA with an option in ABA

The following courses are part of the undergraduate psychology major at California State University, Fresno. Students from other institutions or those holding a bachelor's degree in areas other than psychology should complete the following courses or their equivalents.

Applications: One course from the following:

PSYCH 160T: Clinical Processes

PSYCH 166: Abnormal Psychology

PSYCH 169: Psychological Aspects of Physical Disability

PSYCH 173: Environmental Psychology

PSYCH 175: Family Counseling

PSYCH 176: Industrial Psychology

PSYCH 177: Behavior Modification